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7-16-86

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THE BEGINNING OF JOURNAL #7. HOPEFULLY A
LUCKIER NUMBER THAN #6 WAS.

I SPENT MOST OF THE MORNING AT THE POST OFFICE
SORTING OUT MY PROBLEMS. I CALLED GEORGE, GAVE
HIM NEW DIRECTIONS FOR SENDING MONEY TO ME. IT WILL
GO TO THE POST OFFICE IN LEISSIGEN, SWITZERLAND %
POSTE RESTANTE. I SHOULD GET THERE IN ONE WEEK AT
A LEISURELY PACE. I SENT MY JOURNAL HOME ~~20~~ VIA
AIR MAIL; IT COST 35F (F5) - OUCH! A SMALL LETTER
WAS 5FR! I ALSO WAS TOLD AN AIRMAIL POSTCARD
IS 3F85, NOT 3F20 AS I WAS TOLD IN BLAYE LAST
MONTH, SO I'LL SEND THEM SURFACE MAIL FOR 2F50.

I HAD A HUGE MEAL FOR DINNER OF "CHOUROUTE D'ALSACE
GARNIE", OR IN OTHER WORDS SAUERKRAUT, WEINERS, AND
3/4 LITER OF VERY COLD "35" EXTRA LIGHT BEER. SOME
"MADELEINES" - A SORT OF SPONGE CAKE CUPCAKE THAT
IS MY STAPLE JUNK FOOD HERE IN FRANCE.

I'M CAMPING IN A SMALL MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND
IN PONTAVINUR FOR 9F30 PER NIGHT. I'M TRYING TO
FIND THE ENERGY TO SHOWER, WASH MY CLOTHES, &
GO FIND A BUNCH OF POST CARDS IN THAT ORDER.

(23,765)

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I SCREWED UP. BY THE TIME I TOOK A SHOWER I WENT INTO TOWN IT WAS AFTER 8:00 & TOO LATE TO BUY POST CARDS. THEY'RE A BIT EXPENSIVE HERE ANYWAY.

I THINK I'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHY I HAVE A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING FRENCH & SPANISH. I UNDERSTAND PART OF WHAT'S SAID, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY'VE CHOSEN THE TOPIC THEY'RE BARBOLING ABOUT. I GUESS I JUST EXPECT 'CYCLING QUESTIONS' & EVERYTHING ELSE THROWS ME OFF.

WHILE I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE A RATHER LARGE BROWN BAT CAME OVER, & CREELED OUT MY BIKE, CLIMBING OVER THE CHAINSTAYS, THROUGH THE SPOKES OF THE REAR WHEEL, & ONTO THE LEFT CRANK ARM. I THINK MY SOAP ATTRACTS HIM, AS IT'S IN THE SOAP BOX WHICH IS DRYING ON THE REAR RACK.

(7-17-86)

(115 km)

DAMN, IT WAS COLD LAST NIGHT. I KEEP FREEZING MY ASS OFF ON THESE CLEAR NIGHTS & I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE FROM NOW ON THAT I PUT ON EXTRA CLOTHES AT NIGHT. IT'S ALSO A GOOD THING THAT I'M TAKING IT EASY NOW, AS IT'S AT LEAST 9:30 AM BEFORE IT'S WARM ENOUGH TO GET GOING.

(23,765)

421

IN THE MORNING, IT PROBABLY WON'T BE A PROBLEM TODAY THOUGH AS IT LOOKS LIKE THE FIRST 12 km ARE UPHILL - NOT A VERY PLEASANT THOUGHT.

IT TOOK A WHILE TO CLEAR OUT OF TOWN THIS MORNING. FIRST THE LITTLE OLD LADY THAT OWNS THE CAMPGROUND (WHO IS OBVIOUSLY VERY SENILE) DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHANGE. THEN SHE FORGOT I WAS THERE. THEN SHE THOUGHT I WAS TOGETHER WITH A DUTCH COUPLE, & SCREWED UP THEIR BILL BY ADDING ME TO IT. WHEN SHE FINALLY GOT TO ME SHE WROTE MY RECEIPT ON THE CARBON COPY OF THE DUTCH COUPLE'S RECEIPT, AND WHEN SHE ASKED ME TO SPELL OUT MY NAME IT CAME OUT 'EARECC' - AT LEAST SHE GOT THE 'A' RIGHT & I FINALLY GOT MY CHANGE - 70 CENTIMES.

I ~~STOPPED~~ STOPPED TO THROW OUT MY REAR TIRE THAT HAD WORN THROUGH TO THE CORD. I ALSO RETENSIONED MY REAR WHEEL AS IT WAS LOOSE. THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF MOUNTAINS AHEAD. I ALSO NOTICED MY LOWER JOCKEY WHEEL ON MY REAR DERAILLEUR IS SHOT, BUT NO LUCK FINDING A REPLACEMENT TODAY.

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I PASSED NEAR THE VOLCAN'S D'AUVERGNE TODAY, A SERIES OF EXTINCT VOLCANOES WITH COLLAPSED CONES. PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS OF THEM IS PUY DE DÔME. THE ~~THE~~ TOUR DE FRANCE WILL HOLD ONE OF ITS STAGES THERE IN A FEW DAYS.

SHORTLY AFTER THAT I WAS QUITE PLEASED THAT I DOFFED MY WORK OUT TIRE AS AFTER PASSING THROUGH THE VOLCAN'S D'AUVERGNE I HAD 10KM OF 9% GRADE, SO I REALLY FLEW DOWNHILL. IT WAS DEFINITELY NO TIME FOR A BLOWOUT.

I'M CAMPING IN LAPALISSE TONIGHT. IT'S THE CHEAPEST I'VE PAID TO CAMP: 7F10, ABOUT \$1. AND AS USUAL, THE CHEAPEST PLACES SEEM TO BE THE BEST, THOUGH ALL THE CAMPGROUNDS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE.

7-18-86

135KM

A KILLER THUNDERSTORM CRASHED THROUGH LAST NIGHT. IT CAME THROUGH AROUND 2 OR 3AM, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN LOW CLOUDS UNDER THE THUNDERCLOUDS BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T SEE THE LIGHTNING, JUST HUGE SEMICIRCLES OF MIST AGLASS WITH INTERSESS LIGHT.

AFTER THE THUNDERSTORM THE MORNING BROKE TO LOW

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CLOUDS WHICH SUCK AROUND 'TIL ABOUT NOON, SO IT WAS A FAIRLY COOL & PLEASANT RIDE FOR MOST OF THE DAY.

I HADN'T PLANNED ON CYCLING QUITE SO FAR TODAY BUT I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE. LATELY I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PICK OUT A TOWN TO CYCLE TO. I'VE ALWAYS FOUND A CAMPGROUND THERE. I HAD PICKED OUT BELLEVILLE TODAY, BUT NO LUCK SO I HAD TO CYCLE TO CHÂTILLON-SUR-CHALARONNE WHERE I'VE ENCOUNTERED MY FIRST 4 STAR CAMPGROUND - IT COSTS 20FR (128¢)/NIGHT INCLUDING HOT (I HOPE) SHOWER. HOPEFULLY THE TOILETS WERE EQUIPPED WITH TOILET PAPER, WHICH IS ALMOST UNHEARD OF.

I REALLY MISS NOT HAVING A CAMERA HERE, AS IT'S PROBABLY THE MOST PICTURESQUE TOWN I'VE SEEN IN FRANCE. I'LL LOOK AROUND FOR SLIDES & POSTCARDS IN THE MORNING.

7-19-86

125KM

ANOTHER DAY OF CYCLING FARTHER I'D HAVE LIKED TO. I HAD A VERY TOUGH CLIMB BETWEEN CEZARIN & LA CLUSE. I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG IT WAS, THOUGH I'D GUESS AT LEAST 5KM, & IT ~~WAS~~ WAS ALL AT LEAST 10% & PARTS WERE 15%.

(24.110)

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AFTER THE TOUGH CLIMB, STOPPING AT BELLEGARDE SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA, BUT IT WAS ON THE MAIN ROUTE FOR ALL THE TRUCK TRAFFIC SO I DECIDED TO TRY THE NEXT CAMPGROUND. UNFORTUNATELY THAT WAS 35 KM FARTHER DOWN THE ROAD.

SO I'M AT YET ANOTHER EXPENSIVE PRIVATE CAMP-GROUND NEAR ST-JULIEN, PAY^{ING} 25F TO BE SQUEEZED IN BETWEEN CARAVANS ~~WITH~~ NOISY (THOUGH FRIENDLY) KIDS.

IN THE LAST 60 KM TO GENEVA I PASSED 9 TOURING CYCLISTS, SO PERHAPS I'LL ONCE AGAIN FIND A RIDING COMPANION. ~~WITH~~

(7-20-86)

(85 Km)

I'M IN SHOCK. TOTALLY. A SWISS FRANC IS WORTH 60¢. A COLD SODA POP AT A GAS STATION IS 2FR. A MARS BAR IS 0F90. CAMPING TONIGHT COST 6F80!

BUT PERHAPS THINGS AREN'T ALL THAT BAD. I THINK A 1 LITER BOTTLE OF POP HERE AT THE CAMP-GROUND IS 1F50 + DEPOSIT. IT MAY BE THAT PRICES IN THE SUPERMARKETS (WHICH ARE ALL CLOSED TODAY, SUNDAY) ARE CLOSER TO THOSE IN FRANCE. AND I MAY START PAYING CLOSER ATTENTION TO FREE CAMPING POSSIBILITIES, SINCE THE DAYS OF MUNICIPAL CAMP-

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GROUNDS FOR \$1 OR \$2/NIGHT ARE PROBABLY PAST.

I WAS ALSO SHOCKED (MILDLY) AT CAMERA PRICES. THEY RANGE FROM \$125-\$225 FOR A 35mm AUTOMATIC WITH AUTO FOCUS. I MAY GO AHEAD & PAY THE \$225 & GET WHAT I WANT (AN OLYMPUS AF1), BUT I'D LIKE TO FIND ANOTHER CHINON AF-35 OR POSSIBLY A RICOH, BUT SELECTION SEEMS TO BE LIMITED. I'LL ALSO ASK AROUND ABOUT WHERE THE BEST PLACE TO BUY IS, SINCE THE CAMERA SHOPS DON'T APPEAR TO BE BARGAINS.

OH YEAH, I ALMOST FORGOT. I WAS HAVING TROUBLE FINDING ANYTHING BUT ~~BAKERIES~~ OPEN, SO I DECIDED TO GO TO WENDY'S IN LAUSANNE FOR A LITTLE VARIETY. A "BIG CHEESE" (BURGER) & 1/2 LITER OF SPRITE WAS 7F30 (\$4.50!).

SO, THE HIGH PRICES HAVE MADE ME WONDER HOW LONG I WANT TO STAY IN SWITZERLAND, THOUGH I'M SURE IT'S NOT MUCH CHEAPER IN MOST OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. I GUESS I NEED MAPS OF AUSTRIA & SOUTHERN GERMANY TO SEE HOW FAR I CAN GET AT A PACE OF ABOUT 85 KM/DAY FOR ABOUT ~~THREE~~ THREE WEEKS, SO THAT I ARRIVE IN B.K. AROUND AUG. 10.

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I SAW MORE TOURING CYCLISTS TODAY THAN I COULD COUNT, BUT THEN EUROPEANS ALL SEEM TO KNOW WHERE THE EASIEST CYCLING IS. THE CYCLING TODAY WAS EXCEPTIONALLY EASY. IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO FIND OUT IF I SEE MORE OF THEM IN THE VALLEYS OR CLIMBING THE PASSES BETWEEN VALLEYS.

AN INTERESTING THING ABOUT SWISS BANKNOTES: THEY ARE PRINTED VERTICALLY, RATHER THAN HORIZONTALLY, WHICH MAKES SENSE 'CAUSE THAT'S HOW YOU LOOK AT THEM IN A CASH DRAWER, & THEY'RE PRINTED IN FOUR LANGUAGES: FRENCH, ITALIAN, GERMAN & SOMETHING ELSE, PROBABLY A SWISS DIALECT AS IT'S TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR TO ME.

BY THE WAY, I'M CAMPED NEAR FOREL, SITE OF MY 19TH FLAT TIRE.

I WAS WANDERING AROUND WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF FOR A FEW HOURS BEFORE BED-TIME WHEN MY NEIGHBORS SOLVED THE PROBLEM. THEY ARE A SWISS COUPLE WITH TWO LITTLE GIRLS (THE COUPLES NAMES ARE DANIEL & MARLENE MASSARD) & THEY INVITED ME OVER FOR FRITES, SALAME & RED

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WINE. WE SAT AROUND & TRIED TO TALK FOR A WHILE. SHE WAS AS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND AS ANYBODY, BUT HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE THINGS SIMPLE ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND, THOUGH IT WASN'T ALWAYS EASY TO REPLY SO THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD. STILL IT WAS FUN. AND I THINK I COULD HAVE GOTTEN A GREAT DEAL ON A CAMERA AT THE STORE HE WORKS AT, INNOVATION, BUT UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CASH. HOWEVER HE DID WARN ME THAT INTERLAKEN IS EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE THAN LAUSANNE (A VERY DEPRESSING THOUGHT) & THAT I SHOULD BUY ONE AT AN AFFILIATE STORE, JELMOLI, IN BERN. STILL I WONDER IF HE COULD'VE GIVEN ME A DISCOUNT?

I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT I MUST TRY SWISS FONDUE, APPARENTLY IT'S A SOURCE OF NATIONAL PRIDE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL GET THE CHANCE.

I ALSO FOUND THAT THE FOURTH LANGUAGE ON SWISS BANKNOTES IS "ROMANCE" (AT LEAST THAT'S HOW IT SOUNDS) & THAT IT'S A MIX OF ITALIAN & GERMAN, SPOKEN MAINLY IN THE REGION AROUND ST. MORITZ.

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I ALSO PEELLED TWO OLD PATCHES OFF & REPLACED THEM WITH NEW PATCHES AS I REPAIRED TODAY'S FLAT. THE FLAT I GOT NEAR LA CLUSE, FRANCE, WAS DUE TO THE FAILURE OF AN OLD PATCH & TWO ^{OF} ~~OLD~~ THOSE ON MY REAR TUBE LOOKED RATHER DUBIOUS.

IT WAS PRETTY CHILLY IN THE MORNING & FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A MONTH & A HALF I DUSTED OFF THE OL' TIGHTS FOR MY FIRST FEW HOURS RIDE.

(7-21-86)

(100 km)

WHAT A DAY! THE SCENERY'S BEEN INCREDIBLE, ESPECIALLY ASCENDING TO JAUNPASS (1508 m, 4968 ft). IT'S LIKE ALL THE POSTCARDS OF QUANT VILLAGES THAT YOU'VE EVER SEEN & FANTASTIC MOUNTAINS AS WELL. I FORGOT THE NAME OF THE RANGE I CROSSED TODAY, BUT IN ENGLISH THEY'RE KNOWN AS THE 'PRE-ALPS' & AFTER SEEING THEM I'M INCREDIBLY ANXIOUS TO SEE THE ACTUAL ALPS, THOUGH I'LL HAVE TO WAIT A FEW DAYS AS I GO BACK OVER THE PREALPS TO BERN WHERE I'LL BUY MY CAMERA & THEN OVER ONCE AGAIN BEFORE CROSSING OVER THE REAL THING.

I ARRIVED IN LESSIGEN AROUND 4 PM TODAY & MY TRAVELLER'S CHECKS COURTESY OF GEORGE BURTON, WERE

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^{there} EVEN THOUGH I WAS ONE DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

I'M GETTING A GREAT SUNBURN, SOMEWHAT DUE TO THE HIGHER ALTITUDE, BUT MAINLY CAUSE AS I'VE CYCLED TODAY IT'S BEEN AS IF MY ROUTE HAS BEEN TURNING CONSTANTLY BACK ~~INTO~~ ^{INTO} THE SUN. SO RIGHT NOW I'M AT A SHADED BENCH AT THE ^{EF} LESSIGEN TRAIN STATION HOPING THAT I CAN CYCLE TO THE CAMPGROUND AROUND THE TIME THAT THE MOUNTAIN SIDE IS CAST INTO SHADOWS.

I ALSO PASSED THE 15,000 MILE MARK TODAY, SOMEWHERE AROUND KM 24,150, NEAR CHARMNEY.

I'M STAYING AT A TINY CAMPGROUND A FEW KM OUTSIDE OF ^{EF} LESSIGEN. I THOUGHT I HAD A BARGAIN AT 3 FR, ^{BUT IT TURNED} ~~(24,210)~~ OUT TO BE 4 FR (18 FRENCH FR OR /240). I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT MAY BE CHEAP FOR SWITZERLAND.

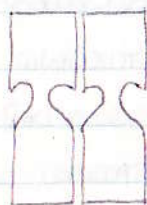
I'VE GOT A FANTASTIC VIEW OF THE THUNDERSEE & "MEIELISALP", THE MTNS ACROSS FROM HERE. I RATHER DOUBT IF I'LL GET ANYTHING RESEMBLING A SHOWER, HOT OR OTHERWISE, HERE, & I THINK I REALLY NEED ONE NOW AS I SKIPPED LAST NIGHT.

AN AIRMAIL POSTCARD IS 66% (+ 30% FOR THE POST-CARD ITSELF.

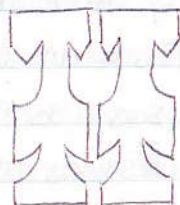
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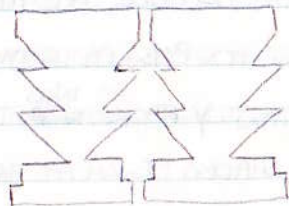
I REALLY GOT A CHARGE OUT OF THE BALCONIES



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EVERGREENS

ON THE SWISS CHALET I SAW TODAY. THEY ARE MADE AS I DREW THEM ABOVE, CUTTING ONE SIDE OF THE BOARD ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN, THEN FLIPPING THE PATTERN OVER & CUTTING THE OTHER SIDE. THE GREAT THING ABOUT IT IS THEY CAN BE CONSTRUCTED FROM 1X8'S FROM DISCARDED PALLET & THEN PAINTED (SINCE THE WOOD ISN'T SO GOOD).

I WAS JUST SITTING HERE ADMIRING THE SUNSET WHEN A FARMER, HIS SON, THREE COWS & A CALF CAME CLANGING DOWN THE ROAD (THE CATTLE HAD COW BELLS ON). I HAD MY FIRST REAL LIFE ENCOUNTER WITH COW BREATH - IT DIDN'T SMELL BAD, BUT WAS VERY HOT & HUMID - WHEN ONE STOPPED TO CHECK ME OUT.

(24,255)

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THAT WAS COOL, BUT WHEN THE SECOND ONE FIGURED IT WAS HER TURN I DECIDED TO MOSEY-ON OUT OF THE WAY. ONE REAL-LIFE ENCOUNTER OF THE COW KIND PER DAY IS SUFFICIENT.

(7-22-86)

(45 km)

IT'S BEEN AN EXPENSIVE DAY, BUT I'VE GOT A NEW CAMERA, SO I'M A HAPPY MAN. IT'S A RICOH AF50 & IT'S BASICALLY THE SAME AS MY OLD CAMERA EXCEPT IT'S GOT POWERWIND & A FLASH THAT WORKS AUTOMATICALLY. IT WASN'T CHEAP, 275 FR (\$1650), BUT THAT'S 20-25 FR LESS THAN MOST PLACES, SO I'M HAPPY.

I ALSO BOUGHT A NEW WALLET (9F50) & COMBINATION FANNY PACK/DAY PACK (39F80). I'M ORGANIZED ONCE MORE.

IT'S TURNED OUT TO BE A PRETTY NORMAL SORT OF DAY. BERN'S GREAT, A MEDIEVAL CITY & ALL, BUT I MISS THE MOUNTAINS. CITIES ARE GREAT - YOU FIND WHAT YOU WANT & CAN INDULGE YOURSELF LIMITLESSLY - BUT THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME AFTER AWHILE & IT'S HARD TO STAY LONG ANY MORE.

I'M STAYING AT 'CAMPING EICHHOLZ' HERE IN BERN.

(24,365)



IT MUST BE A MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND 'CAUSE THE PRICES ARE REASONABLE (FOR SWITZERLAND) - 5F30, NOT BAD IN SUCH A LARGE TOWN.

THE MAIN TOURIST ATTRACTION HERE SEEMS TO BE THE BEAR PITS WHICH DATE BACK TO THE 15TH CENTURY. THE BEAR BECAME THE SYMBOL OF BERN WHEN DUKE BERCHTOLD V, THE FOUNDER OF THE CITY, DECIDED THE CITY SHOULD BE NAMED AFTER THE FIRST ANIMAL HE'D KILL IN A GREAT CHASE, SO A BEAR BIT THE BIG ONE & BERN GOT ITS NAME.

(7-23-86)

(110km)

NOT A BAD DAY. IT'S BEEN RAINING LIGHTLY OFF & ON ALL DAY: IT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT MIGHT TONIGHT AS WELL, BUT MOST OF THE BREAKS IN THE WEATHER HAVE BEEN TIMED TO ALLOW ME SOME GREAT VIEWS, SO I CAN'T COMPLAIN.

I HAD SOME PRETTY GOOD CLIMBS TODAY, A LOT OF 10% GRADES (5 MILES OR SO) & A FEW MILES OF 13%, BUT I JUST GEARED DOWN & TOOK IT EASY. I NEED TO SAVE MYSELF FOR DOING GRIMSEL & FORCA PASSES TOMORROW. THEY'RE 2165m & 2431m RESPECTIVELY; THE MAP SHOWS SOME STEEP GRADES IN BETWEEN THEM.

IM CAMPING IN MEIRINGEN AT A CAMPGROUND

(24,365)



THAT I THOUGHT WAS 6F40/NIGHT, WHICH WAS THE MOST I WANTED TO PAY, BUT IT TURNS OUT THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL 1F10 IN TAXES SO I GOT STUCK 7F50 INSTEAD.

I GUESS THE BIG ATTRACTION AROUND HERE IS 'AARBSCHLUCHT', A GORGE SIMILAR TO THE ONE NEAR THE OLD-MAN-IN-THE-MOUNTAIN IN N.H. ^{ISN} SURE AT LEAST AS EXPENSIVE TO VISIT, SO I'LL BE SATISFIED WITH HAVING LOOKED AT A BROCHURE & SOME POSTCARDS.

I ALSO NOTICE FROM MY MAP THAT I'M LESS THAN 10 KM AS THE CROW FLIES FROM MELCHTAL, ^{WHERE} THE PLACE I FIRST LEARNED TO SKI, WAY BACK IN 1968 - 18 1/2 YEARS AGO.

THIS PLACE IS A RIP-OFF. YOU HAVE PAY ^{EXCUSE} TIMES FOR HOT WATER & THE ALTERNATIVE IS SWISS GLACIER WATER. I ALSO PAID 2F70 FOR A BAR OF SOAP, THINKING I'D GET CAUGHT UP ON LAUNDRY, BUT RIGHT AFTER THAT IT STARTED PISSING DOWN RAIN, SO I'LL CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT ^{IT FOR NOW} ~~LAUNDRY~~. THERE'S ^{NO} WAY IT WOULD DRY TONIGHT & WHO WANTS TO DRAG AROUND A BUNCH OF WET CLOTHES?

7-24-86

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IT'S PISSING DOWN RAIN NON-STOP RIGHT NOW, SO I'VE DECIDED TO CALL IT A DAY, THOUGH IT'S ONLY NOON. I STARTED THE DAY WATCHING INTERMITTANT SHOWERS FROM MY TENT, HOPING THINGS WOULD CLEAR. AFTER IT WAS OBVIOUS IT WOULDN'T I PACKED UP & THEN IT STARTED POURING DOWN & HASN'T LET UP YET.

I HUNG AROUND MEIRINGEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO, AS THERE & INNERTKIRCHEN (WHERE I'M AT NOW) ARE THE ONLY PLACES WITH CAMPGROUNDS IN THE DIRECTION I'M HEADED. I THOUGHT I MIGHT PAY THE 14FR OR SO THAT THE YOUTH HOSTEL IN MEIRINGEN WANTED, BUT THE FOLKS THERE WERE RUDE, SO I CAME TO INNERTKIRCHEN, THINKING I ^{HAD} CUT OFF MY NOSE TO SPITE MY FACE, BUT THINGS HAVE WORKED OUT WELL.

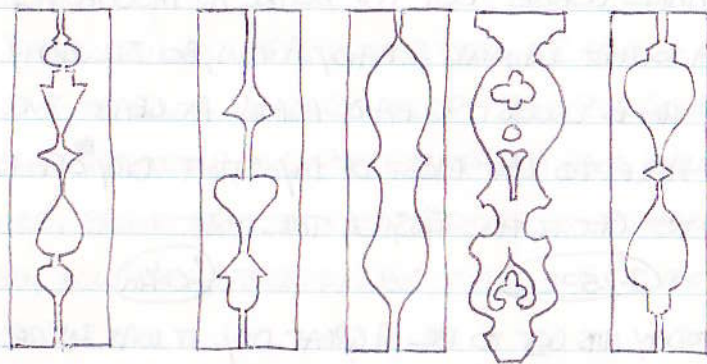
I'M AT A CAMPGROUND IN INNERTKIRCHEN & MY PLAN WAS TO SPEND THE DAY IN MY TENT TRYING TO STAY WARM, BUT THEY HAVE A GREAT LITTLE HUT HERE WITH TABLES & CHAIRS, SO I'VE BEEN SAVED FROM THAT FATE.

SUPPOSEDLY THINGS SHOULD CLEAR UP BY SOME

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4200

TIME AFTER NOON TOMORROW, BUT AT 5FR10 PER NIGHT STAYING HERE ONE MORE DAY WOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO BEAR.



THE WEATHER BROKE HERE A LITTLE AFTER LUNCH (& THERE SEEMED TO BE A WHITE ~~OUT~~ OUT UP IN THE PASS), SO I DECIDED TO GO LOOK AT BALCONY PATTERNS & HAVE RECORDED THEM ABOVE FOR FUTURE INSPIRATION. MY FAVORITE IS THE SECOND FROM THE LEFT WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE A HEART WITH AN ARROW THROUGH IT, BUT MY ABILITY AS AN ARTIST HAS RENDERED IT AS SOMETHING LESS INSPIRING.

THE SECOND FROM THE RIGHT IS MUCH MORE ELABORATE THAN THE USUAL DESIGN, BUT IT USES THE SAME

(24,430)

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PRINCIPLES. IT WAS MUCH EASIER TO DRAW IT AS A SINGLE PLANK THAN TWO OPPOSING PLANK HALVES.

I WAS THINKING OF GOING TO SEE THE 'AARESCHWUCHT' OR AARE GORGE, BUT IT'S ACTING AS THOUGH IT'S GONNA START RAINING STEADY AGAIN, SO I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE UNLESS IT CLEARS AGAIN. AT LEAST I'VE BEEN ABLE TO LET MOST OF MY STUFF DRY OFF ENOUGH TO GET IT ALL INSIDE THE TENT.

(7-25-86)

(60km)

TODAY HAD GOT TO BE A GREAT DAY. IT WAS INCREDIBLY COLD LAST NIGHT, BUT ^{AS} A RESULT OF THAT / YESTERDAY'S RAIN IT'S CRYSTAL CLEAR OUT.

I WAS PRETTY RELUCTANT TO CLIMB OUT OF THE NOT-QUITE-WARM-ENOUGH SLEEPING BAG THIS MORNING, BUT ONCE I DID I IMMEDIATELY WENT RUNNING OFF TAKING PICTURES. IT WAS INCREDIBLE - SUNRISE ON ONE SIDE, MOONSET ON THE OTHER, FOG IN THE VALLEY, INCREDIBLY CLEAR PEAKS IN THE DISTANCE. IT'LL DEFINITELY BE WORTH ALL 6000 OR SO FEET OF VERTICAL GAIN I'LL DO TODAY.

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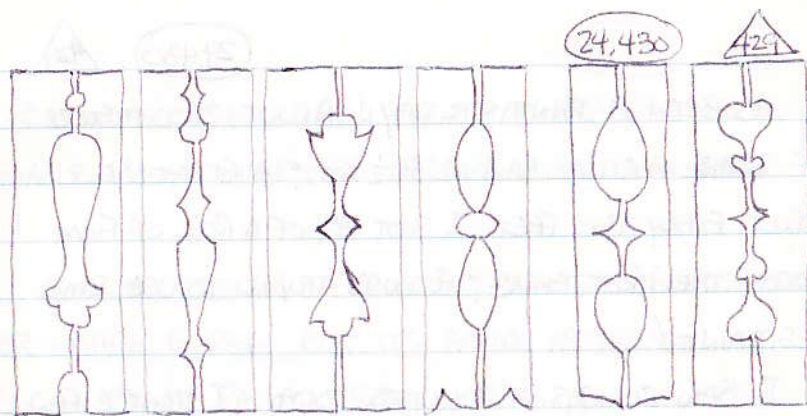
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IT'S BEEN A FANTASTIC DAY! ABOUT 2200 METERS OF ~~VERTICAL~~ VERTICAL GAIN IN $36\frac{1}{2}$ KM; A GREAT VIEW ABOUT EVERY TWO FEET. I SHOT $\frac{2}{3}$ OF A ROLL OF FILM TODAY, THE MOST EVER-; I WAS TRYING TO USE SOME RESTRAINT!

I SAW ZILLIONS OF CYCLISTS TODAY - I THINK A FEW MORE GOING DOWN THAN COMING UP. THE POST COACHES (BUSES OPERATED BY THE PTT (POST OFFICE)) HAVE LITTLE TRAILERS BEHIND THEM TO CARRY BICYCLES, SO IT'S HARD TO SAY HOW MANY TAKE THE BUS TO THE TOP / COAST DOWN.

I'M STAYING AT ANDERMATT TONIGHT. THE CAMPGROUND IS A BIT EXPENSIVE FROM WHAT THE COURE NEXT TO ME TELLS ME,; THE OWNER IS SELDOM AROUND. IF HE DOESN'T COME LOOKING FOR ME, I'LL DO MY BEST NOT TO PAY. THERE'S NO SHADE; IT'S SORT OF A CRUMBLY PLACE TO BE WORTH 7F+.

I TOOK A STROLL THROUGH ANDERMATT IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID THE CAMPGROUND MANAGER; I HAVE RECORDED A FEW MORE BALCONY DESIGNS. DIFFERENT VARIATIONS OF THE THIRD FROM THE LEFT SEEM QUITE POPULAR HERE.



SOME ARE OUTLINED WITH DIFFERENT COLORS OF PAINT AROUND THE OUTSIDE. OTHERS ARE ROUTERED, SOMETHING I THOUGHT^{OF}, BUT HADN'T SEEN 'TIL NOW. IT LOOKS BETTER UNROUTERED. THE ONES OUTLINED IN PAINT ARE PRETTY SHARP. THE DESIGN ON THE FAR RIGHT IS MY OWN. IT'S MY BEST RECOLLECTION OF A DESIGN I SAW NEAR JAWPASS.

I LET MY CONSCIENCE GET THE BEST OF ME. I PAID FOR THE NIGHT, NOT WANTING TO USE ANY LAME EXCUSES IF I GOT CAUGHT. IT'S 7F80, 80 OF WHICH IS TAX, A WORD I'VE COME TO HATE BECAUSE IN MOST PLACES IN EUROPE IF THERE IS A TAX IT'S WORKED INTO THE PRICE INSTEAD OF TACKED ON AFTERWARDS.

I CHECKED ON THE PRICE OF POSTCARDS AGAIN TO

SEE HOW MUCH SURFACE MAIL COSTS. THERE'S NO SUCH THING. IT'S 1F10 (66¢)-PERIOD. EVERYTHING GOES AIRMAIL.

(7-26 86)

(95 km)

A PRETTY GOOD DAY. I LEFT THE CAMPGROUND AFTER AN ABORTED ATTEMPT AT A COLD SHOWER. I CYCLED UP OBERALPASS, WHERE I MET UP WITH ANITA & MATTHEW, AN ENGLISH COUPLE THAT I MET THE NIGHT BEFORE.

WE SPENT THE DAY TOGETHER CYCLING AT A SLOW PACE TO CHUR, WHERE WE'RE CAMPING TONIGHT. THEY'RE ON MOUNTAIN BIKES, ARE PRETTY LOADED DOWN. THEY HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON CYCLING TO INDIA, BUT IT SOUNDS AS THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE ABORTED THAT IDEA.

THEY'VE BEEN GOOD COMPANY THOUGH. NOW I CAN BOAST OF CYCLING FOR A TOTAL OF FOURS DAYS WITH OTHER FOLKS WHILE HERE IN EUROPE.

THE SCENERY WAS GREAT TODAY, BUT NOWHERE NEAR AS SPECTACULAR AS YESTERDAY. OUR BIGGEST DIVERSION TODAY WAS CYCLING DOWN A ROAD NEAR VERSAM THAT WAS SHOWN ON MY MAP AS BEING "VERY DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS". IT WAS A ONE LANE ROAD WITHOUT A PASSING LANE, BUT IT WAS QUITE SAFE. THE VIEWS OF THE RHEIN GORGE

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THE ALPS WERE FAR BETTER THAN ON THE ALTERNATE ROUTE.

SO NOW WE'RE IN CHUR PAYING 9F25 (COXON, GAG) TO CAMP IN AN OVERCROWDED PARKING LOT AMONGST A FOREST OF CARAVANS & HOUSE TENTS, BUT WE GOT HERE LATE & OUR CHOICES WERE FEW.

THEY ALSO HAVE A VERY EXPENSIVE LITTLE GROCERY STORE HERE, WHICH WAS A GREAT RELIEF AS ITS SATURDAY, I WAS OUT OF FOOD & ALL THE SUPERMARKETS HAD ALREADY CLOSED.

7.27.86

90km

A FAIR DAY. I STARTED OUT SLOWLY ENOUGH, BUT SOON FOUND MYSELF RACING DOWN THE RHINE VALLEY WITH THREE ANONYMOUS CYCLISTS IN TOW. THEY MANAGED TO KEEP UP FOR TEN MILES (WITH ME PUSHING WIND THE WHOLE TIME) THEN I TURNED OFF TO FIND A BAKERY. I CAUGHT UP WITH THEM ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES LATER & AFTER PASSING THEM AGAIN THEY MADE NO ATTEMPT TO STAY WITH ME.

SO I MADE IT TO VADUZ IN RECORD TIME & FOR A TIME CONSIDERED STAYING THE NIGHT THERE (IT'S THE CAPITAL OF LIECHTENSTEIN), BUT IT SEEMED THERE

24,615

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WASN'T ENOUGH THERE TO KEEP ME BUSY FOR MORE THAN HALF A DAY SO I PUSHED ON. I DID STOP & SEE THE 'BRIEFMARKEN' (STAMP) MUSEUM, WHICH INCLUDED A COLLECTION OF EVERY ISSUE PUT OUT SINCE LIECHTENSTEIN FIRST BEGAN USING STAMPS IN 1912. I FOUND OUT THEY HAVE ONE STAMP WHICH ^{HAS} A CYCLING MOTIF: A PART OF A 1958 SPORTS SET (IT WAS FOR SALE IN A STAMP SHOP THERE FOR 24 SWISS FRANKS: £1/4⁵⁰!).

BY THE WAY, THE SWISS MONEY IS BROKEN INTO FRANKS & RAPPEN, THERE BEING 100 RAPPEN PER FRANK. I NATURALLY ASSUMED THE SMALLER COINS WERE CALLED CENTIMES. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH LIECHTENSTEIN ~~D~~ DOESN'T HAVE ITS OWN COINS OR PAPER MONEY, SO NO SOUVENIRS.

IT WAS A SHORT RIDE TO AUSTRIA FROM VADUZ & SINCE IT WAS SUNDAY I CHANGED MY 220 FRENCH FRANKS FOR 465 AUSTRIAN SHILLINGS. THAT MAKES A SHILLING WORTH ABOUT 7¹/₂, MORE OR LESS.

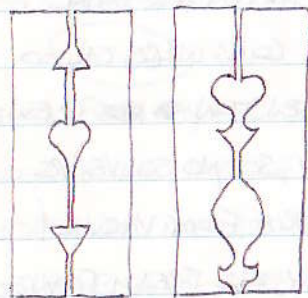
I RODE TO LUSTENAU IN SEARCH OF JOHANN ALGE, ~~WHO~~ ~~SEARCH~~ WHO I MET BRIEFLY IN AACHEN. WHEN I REACHED THE ADDRESS I WAS GIVEN I WAS GREETED BY AN OLD MAN WHO SPOKE NO ENGLISH & REACTED TO MY INQUIRIES ABOUT JOHANN (WHICH INCLUDED

(24,735)

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POINTING AT THE ADDRESS IN MY ADDRESS BOOK) WITH A MORE OR LESS BLANK STARE. I PUSHED ON, I'LL LET THAT BE A MYSTERY TO ME.

SO I'M OUTSIDE OF DORNBERN IN A CAMPGROUND, PAYING AROUND 70 SHILLINGS FOR THE NIGHT, ANOTHER EXPENSIVE PLACE, BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND A TOURIST OFFICE TO FIND OUT WHERE THE CAMPGROUNDS ARE LOCATED IN AUSTRIA, SO I'M STUCK. AT LEAST IT'S NICER THAN THE ONE LAST NIGHT.



HERE ARE A COUPLE MORE BALCONY PATTERNS THAT ARE THE CLOSEST MY MEMORY CAN COME TO RECOLLECTING THEM ACCURATELY. THE ONE ON THE RIGHT IS WAY OFF, BUT I DON'T GUESS THAT

MATTERS.

(7-20-86)

(120 km)

GOOD LUCK! BAD LUCK TODAY. THE GOOD LUCK WAS FINDING A KUMMERBY; FREE TOURING MAP OF AUSTRIA BESIDE THE ROAD THIS A.M. THE BAD LUCK WAS BREAKING MY SPANISH SONGGLASSES THIS AFTERNOON.

I HAD A HARD SLOG TODAY, AS USUAL, I ENDED UP

(24,735)

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GOING A BIT FARTHER THAN I WANTED, BUT ONLY ABOUT 10 KM FARTHER. I DID TWO PASSES TODAY, BOTH VERY LONG & STEEP, ESPECIALLY THE SECOND. THE FIRST WAS BÜDELE, A GAIN OF 710 M, THE SECOND WAS HOCH-TANNBERGPASS, A GAIN OF NEARLY 1000 METERS, MOST OF WHICH WAS 14% GRADE. AFTER THEM IT WAS A GRADUAL DOWNHILL INTO A STIFF HEADWIND, SO EVEN THAT WASN'T QUITE A PLEASANT RIDE.

I'M ONCE AGAIN IN A LAND OF CHEAP FOOD. BANANAS ABOUT 40¢/lb, O.S. 80¢/LITER, BAKED GOODS AT HALF THE PRICE OF THOSE IN SWITZERLAND. SWITZERLAND OBVIOUSLY IS VERY PROTECTIONIST, THOUGH THEY DISGUISE IT (LIKE THE FRENCH) IN THE FORM OF VARIOUS REGULATIONS AS TO CAN DESIGNS (THE CANS ALL HAVE A WHITE LINER), REQUIRED INGREDIENTS (I THINK THAT'S WHERE THE BAKED GOODS GET PRICEY - REAL BUTTER FROM THE SWISS DAIRY INDUSTRY, ETC...), ETC...

I WAS PLANNING ON CAMPING TONIGHT, BUT CHANGED MY MIND WHEN I FOUND IT TO BE OVER 100 SHILLINGS (£7). I THOUGHT I'D FREE CAMP, BUT DECIDED TO CHECK OUT THE HOSTEL IN REUTTE.

(24,830)

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FIRST. I'M GLAD I DID. ITS 4050/NIGHT (2nd 3rd)
THERE ARE VERY FEW FOLKS HERE. THE ONLY
OTHERS ARE A SMALL GROUP OF SPANIARDS, SO
I'LL PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO MY VALUABLES. NO
SENSE MAKING THIS THE 'MADRID OF THE NORTH'.

IN A MORE EDUCATIONAL VAIN, AUSTRIAN MONEY
CONSISTS OF 100 GROSCHEN WHICH MAKE ONE SHILLING, THE
SMALLEST COIN BEING 10 GROSCHEN. THE SMALLEST BILL
SEEMS TO BE 20 SHILLINGS.

(7-29-86)

(95km)

I THOUGHT I'D HAVE ANOTHER DAY OF RIDING UP;
DOWN A LOT OF HILLS, BUT IT'S BEEN MOSTLY FLAT ALL
DAY. I GOT AN EARLY START & TRIED TO SPEND MOST
OF MY AUSTRIAN SHILLINGS BEFORE LEAVING THE COUNTRY.

THE FIRST PLACE I VISITED IN GERMANY WAS NEW-
SCHANSTEIN, THE CASTLE THAT DISNEY'S MAGIC KINGDOM
IS MODELED AFTER. THE PLACE COULD DO A LOT TO
MAKE THINGS LESS CONFUSING. THE ONLY THINGS EASY TO
FIND ARE THE PARKING LOTS. AFTER DEALING WITH THE
TRAFFIC & CONFUSION FOR A WHILE, I DECIDED TO BUY
ONE SLIDE & ONE POSTCARD, THEN LEAVE. I'VE SEEN
IT ALL BEFORE ANYWAY.

(24,830)

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I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO SEE IN BAVARIA, SAVE
MUNICH (TOO BIG), GARMISH (I'VE SEEN IT), & BERTCHES-
GARMER (TOO FAR), SO I'M HEADED FOR AUGSBURG TO
EITHER SEE SOMETHING OR AT LEAST FIGURE OUT
WHAT TO SEE.

I'VE ONCE AGAIN TRAVELLED A BIT FARTHER THAN
I WANTED, & ONCE AGAIN DUE TO HIGH PRICES. I
STOPPED AT A CAMPGROUND OUTSIDE OF BAD WÖRISHOFEN
& FOUND OUT IT COST 10 DM 50 + KURTAX. THE
MARK IS WORTH ABOUT 48¢ RIGHT NOW, SO THAT'S
OVER \$5.

LUCKILY A FOREST RESERVE WASN'T FAR AWAY,
SO I'M FREE CAMPING AMONGST MY OLD FRIENDS
(NEAR MARKET WARD).
THE PINE TREES ABOUT 40 KM SW OF AUGSBURG.

I THINK I'LL DO SO A LOT IN BAVARIA SINCE I
CAN'T USE THE YOUTH HOSTELS BECAUSE I'M OVER 27.

I MANAGED TO FIND MYSELF A NEW PAIR OF SUN-
GLASSES TODAY. THEY SET ME BACK 14 DM 50, BUT
I COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN BY WITHOUT 'EM. IF ^{MY} EYES
DIDN'T BECOME SWOLLEN DUE TO DUST, I'D PROBABLY
^{HAD} ~~HAD~~ HALF A DOZEN BUGS TRYING TO FLY INTO THEM.

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43A

120 km

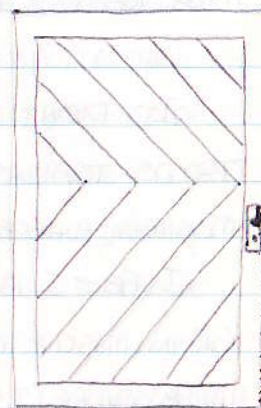
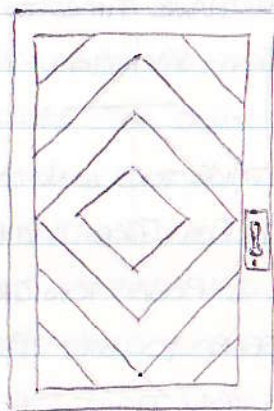
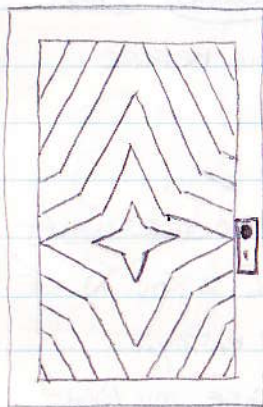
TODAY STARTED OUT O.K. WITH AN EASY RIDE INTO AUGSBURG AFTER A LATE START. AND AUGSBURG WAS NICE, THOUGH IT DIDN'T WARRANT SPENDING A LOT OF TIME THERE. MY SIGHTSEEING THERE WAS UNEXPECTEDLY CUT SHORT WHEN I GOT CAUGHT UP IN A CONSTRUCTION DETOUR \dagger WAS OUT OF TOWN BEFORE I KNEW IT.

IT SEEMS THE MOST INTERESTING THING ABOUT AUGSBURG IS THE 'FUGGEREI', A 'SOCIAL-HOME' AS THE WOMAN AT THE TOURIST OFFICE CALLED IT. I GUESS IT WAS BUILT IN THE EARLY 16TH CENTURY BY THE WEALTHY FUGGER FAMILY TO HOUSE THE POOR \dagger DISABLED.

I DON'T SEE AS MANY BALCONIES ANYMORE \dagger THE ONES I DO SEE TEND TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF LARGER PIECES OF WOOD THAN THOSE I WOULD USE IF I BUILT A HOUSE. BUT FOR SOMETIME NOW I'VE NOTICED QUITE A NUMBER OF INTERESTING DOORS \dagger RECORDED SOME OF THEM ON THE NEXT PAGE. MOST OF THEM ARE MADE OF 2X6'S OR 2X8'S WITH ROUTERED EDGES ON THE STREET-FACED SIDE. IN SWITZERLAND, THE

24,950

43A



MAJORITY OF THE DOORS ^{ARE} PAINTED A DARK COLOR (NAVY BLUE, DK. BROWN, BLACK) \dagger THE ROUTERED JOINTS PAINTED A BRIGHTER, CONTRASTING COLOR. THE EFFECT IS GREAT, THOUGH ~~IT'S~~ IT'S BEST IF THERE'S ONLY A SLIGHT CONTRAST.

I WAS GOING TO GO TO A CAMPGROUND TONIGHT, BUT I'M TIRED \dagger AM WONDERING IF I SHOULD FREE CAMP AGAIN INSTEAD. THAT WAY I'D MISS A SHOWER AGAIN, BUT I'D BE BETTER ABLE TO AFFORD ONE NIGHT IN A GASTHOF IN NÜRNBERG, SOMETHING I REALLY ~~WANT~~ ^{WOULD} LIKE TO TRY. AFTER NÜRNBERG I'LL BE OUT OF BAVARIA \dagger ABLE TO USE HOSTELS IF THEY'RE A BETTER DEAL THAN CAMPGROUNDS. I'M ALSO CONSIDERING VISITING N.E. FRANCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHEAP

(25,030)

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CAMPING SINCE I'LL HAVE TIME TO KILL BEFORE
MIKE RETURNS FROM VACATION.

IT DIDN'T TAKE TOO LONG TO DECIDE WHAT
TO DO TONIGHT. I'M FREE CAMPING 2 KM N. OF
MONHEIM WHERE I BEGAN TONIGHT'S ENTRY.

I FELT I NEEDED TO STOP BECAUSE MY RIGHT
GROIN MUSCLE IS VERY TIGHT; A BIT SORE. THAT
HAPPENS WHEN I GET A LEFT SIDE WIND. MY RIGHT
SIDE SEEMS TO WORK EXTRA HARD TO KEEP ME ON
COURSE; ^{IT'S} ALREADY DOING MOST OF THE WORK ANYWAY.

I'VE NOTICED THERE'S A CAMPGROUND IN THE SUBURBS
OF NÜRNBERG, SO I MAY GO THERE TOMORROW SO I
CAN SHOWER; CHANGE BEFORE GOING SIGHTSEEING.

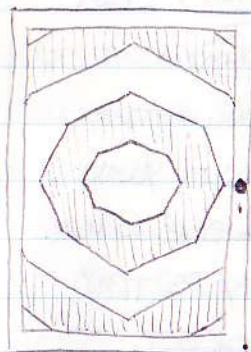
(7-31-86)

(80km)

I MANAGED TO DO QUITE A BIT OF SIGHTSEEING
TODAY AROUND NÜRNBERG. I GOT A LIST OF HOTELS
FROM THE TOURIST OFFICE WHEN THEY OPENED AT 2 PM
& STARTED LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY. THE FIRST
FEW PLACES I TRIED WERE BOOKED, BUT I FOUND A
NICE ROOM AT HOTEL HANNWEBER FOR 35DM, WITH 30-
35DM BEING THE CHEAP PRICE RANGE.

(25,030)

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THAT'S A BIT MUCH, BUT WORTH IT
CONSIDERING HOW MUCH I NEEDED A
SHOWER. YOU DON'T REALIZE THE
HUMIDITY SO MUCH WHEN RIDING A
BIKE 'CAUSE THE WIND KEEPS YOU COOL,
BUT IT'S BEEN VERY HUMID LATELY
& IT'S HARD TO SIT STILL WITHOUT
WORKING UP A SWEAT.

ANYWAY, I FOUND ANOTHER DOOR DESIGN (ABOVE).
IT'S PRETTY EASY TO DESIGN YOUR OWN 'CAUSE THEY'RE
ALL GEOMETRIC PATTERNS. THEY LOOK REAL SHARP
IF THEY'RE PAINTED AS I'VE SHADED THE ONE ABOVE,
PARTICULARLY IF THE COLORS ARE USED THROUGHOUT
THE BUILDING AS ACCENTS FOR SHUTTERS, WINDOW SILLINGS,
Etc.

I ~~WENT~~ ^{WENT} LOOKING FOR STAMPS TODAY. THE LIECHTEN-
STEIN 1958 SPORTS SET GOES FOR 50DM! IT WAS THE
EQUIVALENT OF 30DM IN VADUZ. I'LL LOOK AROUND.

I SAW MY FIRST COUPLE OF MUSEUMS IN GERMANY
TODAY, THE NATURAL HISTORY & GERMANIC NAT'L MUSEUMS.
I CHOSE THEM 'CAUSE THEY'RE FREE & WHY PAY WHEN
EVERYTHING'S IN GERMAN?

8-1-86

25,125

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95km

I'm BACK IN 'KIDDIE-LAND', STAYING AT THE HOSTEL IN CREGLINGEN. IT'S PACKED WITH YOUNG GERMANS CYCLING UP & DOWN THE TAUBER RIVER. I DOUBT IF ANY OF THEM WILL QUALIFY AS TRAVELLING COMPANIONS, BUT I'LL KEEP A LOOK OUT.

I RAN INTO ANOTHER AMERICAN TOURIST BY BIKE TODAY WHILE IN ROTTERBERG. HIS NAME'S MIKE & HE'S A TEACHER FROM NEW YORK. WE SHOT THE BREEZE FOR A WHILE & HE DECIDED TO PAY 12DM TO CAMP & I OPTED FOR 14DM30 (INCLUDING BREAKFAST) TO HOSTEL. IT'S HARD TO SAY WHO WAS THE WISER. I'LL PROBABLY CAMP TOMORROW AS IT'S SATURDAY & THE HOSTELS WILL BE FULL OR NEARLY SO, SO IT WON'T BE WORTH THE HASSLE.

IT RAINED LIKE HELL LAST NIGHT, SO I'M ESPECIALLY GLAD I STAYED INDOORS ~~WHEREVER~~. IT SOUNDED AS THOUGH IT WOULD RAIN ALL DAY WHEN I AWOKE, BUT IT STOPPED BEFORE 8AM & BY 2PM IT WAS CLEAR & SUNNY.

I STOPPED TO SQUASH ~~IN~~ ROTTERBERG, A VERY WELL PRESERVED MEDIEVAL CITY, BUT NOTHING WAS TOO

25,210

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OUTSTANDING. TAKEN AS A WHOLE THE PLACE IS EXCEPTIONAL, BUT NOTHING BY ITSELF SEEMED WORTH A PICTURE.

SOMETHING I'VE SEEN A LOT OF, ESPECIALLY WHEN I



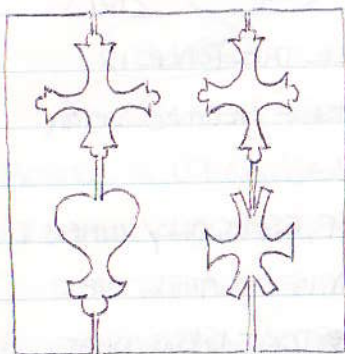
FIRST ENTERED BAVARIA IS THE THING I'VE DRAWN TO THE LEFT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS OR WHAT IT'S CALLED, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE A PINE TREE THAT'S BEEN STRIPPED OF ITS BARK EXCEPT FOR THE UPPERMOST BRANCHES THAT ARE LEFT INTACT. BELOW THAT ARE SUSPENDED USUALLY 2 OR 3 PINE BOUGHS & THEN ANY NUMBER OF CARVINGS OR EMBLEMS WHICH SEEM TO DEPICT SERVICES, RECREATIONAL POSSIBILITIES IN TOWN.

8-2-86

85km

IT TURNED OUT THAT THE 5DM50 I PAID FOR BREAKFAST WAS WELL WORTH IT. I GOT A BOWL OF MUESLI (GRANOLA) WITH FRESH FRUIT, TWO ROLLS, TWO PIECES OF LUNCH MEAT, CHEESE, JAM, A HUGE LUMP OF BUTTER & THREE CUPS OF STRONG COFFEE. IT REALLY GOT ME GOIN'.

I STOPPED AT WÜRZBERG TO LOOK AROUND & IT



25,210

A37

WASNT AS INTERESTING AS I HAD HOPED. I DID RUN INTO A DISCOUNT STAMP SHOP & PICKED UP SOME 'CYCLING' STICKERS FROM BELGIUM, BERLIN, GREAT BRITAIN.

I ALSO SPOTTED THE BALCONY PATTERN ABOVE AS I WAS LEAVING TOWN. THE TOP HALF IS ACTUALLY MORE SLENDER OR DELICATE THAN IVE DRAWN IT, BUT IVE CAPTURED THE BASIC IDEA.

IT'S TURNED OUT TO BE A HOT, HUMID SLOG THIS AFTERNOON - IT'S 90°+ ^{IT'S} ALMOST UNBEARABLE BUT FOR A PLEASANT BREEZE. AT LEAST IT'S ONLY ABOUT 25KM TO THE CAMPGROUND AT WERTHEIM, WHERE ILL MOST LIKELY SPEND THE NIGHT.

I'M CAMPED AT WERTHEIM, AS I'D THOUGHT. WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED I THOUGHT CAMPING WAS 12 DM 30 PER NIGHT, BUT IT TURNS OUT IT'S 9 DM 25 'CAUSE THEY ALLOW FOLKS WITH SMALL TENTS TO SHARE A SITE.

I STOPPED IN WERTHEIM 'CAUSE THEY'RE HAVING A

25,275

A38

FEST THIS WEEKEND & I PICKED UP A SOUVENIR BEER MUG FOR 2 DM & DRANK SOME SOUVENIR BEERS (400ml) FOR 2 DM 50 (EACH).

ONCE AGAIN I'M SURROUNDED BY GERMAN ^{'CYCLISTS'} ~~PEOPLE~~, BUT THIS IS A MUCH MORE MATURE CROWD THAN AT THE HOSTELS. I ~~WISH~~ ^{WISH} I HAD LEARNED AT LEAST ENOUGH GERMAN TO START A CONVERSATION.

83-86

65km

ANOTHER HOT DAY - EASILY OVER 100° WHEN THERE'S NO SHADE, BUT LUCKILY THERE AREN'T TOO MANY ^{LONG} STRETCHES IN THE OPEN SUN.

I KINDA LIKED THE CAMPGROUND AT WERTHEIM. THEY HAVE A SPIN DRYER IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM THAT YOU CAN USE FOR FREE. ABOUT TWO MINUTES IN THAT LITTLE BABY & YOUR CLOTHES ARE ALMOST DRY. THEY'RE A GREAT IDEA.

I'M PRETTY SURE I'LL SHORTEN MY PLANNED DISTANCE TODAY. IT'S JUST TOO DAMN HOT & I KEEP PASSING THROUGH PICTURESQUE LITTLE TOWNS & NOTHING SEEMS WORTH A PICTURE. I'M JUST PIDDLING AROUND FINDING WAY TO KILL TIME UNTIL I GET TO MIKE'S (OR RATHER 'TIL HE GETS HOME), SO IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.

25,355

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I'm staying at the hostel in Erbach. It's great. It's just me, a guy from Mannheim (who speaks excellent English) + 171 empty beds. Plus they've got loads of pictures on the walls of different sights to see in the surrounding area, so I'll even have somewhat of an itinerary when I hit the road tomorrow.

8486

80km

A pretty good day. I got to Heidelberg early after a good breakfast + four cups of coffee. Spent a lazy day sightseeing.

I planned on staying at the hostel in Heidelberg this evening, but it was booked up once I finally got around to checking it out. So after sorting out my options I've ended up at Speyer for the night.

The hostel here is great. There's a guy here from Maidenhead. A load of ~~the~~ 'girlies' from Ireland, so there's no lack of company.

It looks as though the town might be interesting as well, so I'll plan on a little sightseeing in the morning before taking a

25,500

440

Short ride to Karlsruhe.

8-5-86

145km

I did a ~~bit~~ bit more mileage than anticipated today. I met an English fellow last night, Richard Gibbons, + we cycled to Karlsruhe together. From there we parted company as he was headed to Strasbourg. I wanted to go to the Black Forest.

I made a wrong turn in Ettlingen. I had to change my route. It turned out that meant slugging a few "K"s up a 17% grade hill, only to lose it all on the way down the other side. I decided not to go any farther into the Black Forest to avoid cycling over a bunch of ridges tomorrow. I cycled to Kehl instead.

Kehl is opposite Strasbourg, France on the Rhine River. I'm staying here at the hostel in a room crammed with 13 other guys.

I caught up with Richard here. We looked around town. Ate some German fast food (Currywurst). Had a couple beers. Kehl's a pretty boring place - no buildings of any interest at all. Few bars, restaurants,

25,590



SO IT'S BEEN GREAT TO HAVE THE COMPANY.

8-6-86

90km

I'VE DONE IT FOR THE THIRD TIME. I FORGOT TO PICK UP MY HOSTEL CARD THIS MORNING, & NOW I'M 75km DOWN THE ROAD.

I'VE ALMOST FORGOTTEN IN MOST OF THE HOSTELS IN GERMANY BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS HAVE THE RECEPTION CLOSED DURING BREAKFAST HOURS, WHICH IS USUALLY WHEN I WANT TO LEAVE. THAT, PLUS ONCE AGAIN ALLOWING MYSELF TO BE DISTRACTED BY SOMEBODY'S COMPANY (RICHARDS) HAS CAUSED ME TO SCREW UP YET AGAIN. HOPEFULLY THEY'LL MAIL IT TO MIKE'S PLACE FOR ME.

I'VE DECIDED TO CALL IT A DAY AT DAHN, WHERE THEY'VE LET ME STAY DESPITE NO CARD. THAT MIGHT BE BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY TWO OTHER 'GUESTS' RIGHT NOW - OVER ONE HUNDRED EMPTY BEDS.

THIS IS A PRETTY INTERESTING AREA. IT HAS A LOT OF NATURAL ROCK FORMATIONS ATOP HILLS COVERED WITH PINE TREES. A NUMBER OF THE ROCK FORMATIONS ^(HAD) BEEN CONVERTED INTO CASTLES WHICH ARE MAINLY IN RUINS NOW.

25,690



I PASSED THROUGH FRANCE FOR A FEW HOURS TODAY THOUGH I DIDN'T CHANGE ANY MONEY & I DID VERY LITTLE SIGHTSEEING. I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE AREA IS CALLED, BUT IT'S THE NW CORNER & PEOPLE SPEAK A BIZARRE MIX OF GERMAN & FRENCH. IT MAY BE ALSACE.

I CYCLED ACROSS THE VALLEY JUST NOW TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE CASTLE RUIN, ALTDAHN. IT TURNS OUT THERE ARE ACTUALLY THREE SEPARATE CASTLES SIDE-BY-SIDE: ALTDAHN TO THE WEST, GRAFENDAHN IN THE MIDDLE & TANNSTEIN TO THE EAST.

THEY ARE MAINLY DUG OUT OF RED SANDSTONE WITH WALLS OF CUT STONE USED WHERE NEEDED. THEY WERE BUILT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 12TH CENT.

8-7-86

100km

I GOT A KILLER TAILWIND FOR MY BIRTHDAY TODAY, SO I MADE IT TO WORMS WITH MINIMAL EFFORT. I ALSO WENT OUT & BOUGHT 400m WORTH OF 'CYCLING' STAMPS AS A PRESENT TO MYSELF.

I THOUGHT I'D TRY TO STAY AT THE HOSTEL IN WORMS TONIGHT, BUT NO LUCK. THE GUY TRIED

25,690

442

TO GIVE ME A BUNCH OF CRUD ABOUT HOW ANYBODY COULD USE A SIMILAR STORY TO TRY TO GET IN, BUT IT REALLY BOILED DOWN TO THE FACT THAT THEY WERE NEARLY BOOKED; TURNING ME AWAY WAS EASIER TO DO THAN TURNING AWAY SOMEONE WITH A CARD.

SO I'M CAMPING BESIDE THE RHINE RIVER FOR 10, - DM. I'M SURE THAT INCLUDES BEING SERENADED BY DIESEL-ENGINED BARGES ALL NIGHT LONG AS WELL.

ILL BE IN B.K. EARLY TOMORROW. HOPEFULLY MIKE WILL BE BACK; ILL HAVE SOME MAIL.

PEOPLE ARE GREAT FUN. I JUST FINISHED TAKING A COLD SHOWER RATHER THAN WAITING FOR A SHOWER WITH HOT WATER. WHEN I GOT OUT, THERE WAS A RATHER PERTURBED LOOKING GENTLEMAN WAITING TO GET IN. I DON'T KNOW IF HE WAS PISSED 'CAUSE HE HAD TO WAIT IN LINE, 'CAUSE I TOOK TOO LONG OR WHAT, BUT I DECIDED NOT TO WARN HIM ABOUT THE SHOWER. TEN SECONDS LATER HE COMES OUT; DECIDES TO FLIP ME SOME SHIT IN GERMAN

25,745

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ABOUT THE SHOWER BEING 'KAPUT'. IT TOOK SOME EFFORT TO KEEP FROM BUSTIN' OUT LAUGHIN'; INSTEAD I TOLD HIM ~~IT~~ IT WORKED FINE FOR ME; WALKED^{OUT} WHILE HE WAS STILL MUMBLING.

8-8-86

55km

NOTHING WORTH MENTIONING ABOUT THE RIDE FROM WORMS. PRETTY BLAND SCENERY; A GOOD HEAD WIND ABOUT 2/3 OF THE WAY - THE 2/3 THAT TOOK ME EAST.

I GOT IN TOWN AROUND ONE; WAS SURPRISED TO FIND EVERYBODY HOME, THEY GOT BACK LATE LAST NIGHT.

I'VE MANAGED TO GET A LOT DONE SINCE GETTING HERE. I'VE GOTTEN MORE MONEY CHANGED, BOUGHT EXTRA FILM THAT CAN BE PROCESSED IN THE STATES, FOUND OUT THAT I CAN GET 27x1 1/4" TIRES ANYWHERE (EVEN AUTO PARTS STORES), READ ALL MY MAIL (17 CARDS; LETTERS); SAW A MOVIE (IRON EAGLE) ON BASE.

I GOT A TWY PESTER ALLIGATOR FROM ALEA IN HOPES OF BETTER LUCK REGARDING DISAPPEARING POSSESSIONS. IT'S GREAT WHETHER IT WORKS OR NOT.

25,745

444

ILONA CALLED THE HOSTEL IN KEHL FOR ME. THEY'RE GONNA MAIL OUT MY CARD. SHE SAID THE WOMAN WASN'T TOO PLEASANT, THAT I'D HAVE TO PAY THE POSTAGE, THOUGH WE DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WILL WORK.

8986

No km's

NOT MUCH GOING ON TODAY.

I ^{VE} SPENT MOST OF THE DAY JUST TRYING TO GET ORGANISED AGAIN, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT I NEED TO ACCOMPLISH WHILE IN B.K. + ATTEMPT TO ASSESS MY FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

I ONLY HAVE ONE ^{BLANK} CHECK LEFT WHICH I CAN CASH FOR \$700 BEFORE LEAVING HERE + ABOUT \$800 IN CASH + TRAVELLERS CHECKS. THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TO GET ME TO AMSTERDAM, BUT SINCE I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THE PLANE FARE TO THE STATES IS, I MAY BE SHORT OF CASH FOR THE MAJOR SHOPPING SPREE I'D ANTICIPATED FOR THE END OF THE TRIP.

I ALSO HAVE A CHECK FOR \$300 FOR MY FLORIDA ACCT. IF I CASH THAT I'LL HAVE

25,745

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LOTS OF CASH, EVEN IF THE PLANE FARE IS UP TO \$500. HOPEFULLY IT'LL BE LESS THAN \$300.

I ROUNDED OUT THE DAY HELPING MIKE + MIKE CLEAN OUT THE GARDEN.

8-11-86

No km's

I JUST GOT SOME DISTURBING NEWS. MIKE GOT MY SLIDES OUT OF HIS LOCKER AT WORK. ALL THE PICTURES I TOOK IN EUROPE WITH MY FIRST ROLL ~~ARE~~ ARE 'FOGGED' ON ONE SIDE, BUT MY PICTURES FROM THE STATES ARE FINE.

UNDOUBTEDLY IT'S DUE TO X-RAY DAMAGE. I CAN'T REMEMBER IF I HAND CARRIED MY FILM IN ORDER TO BYPASS THE X-RAY MACHINE OR NOT TO PREVENT THE SAME FROM HAPPENING TO THE OTHER 14 ROLLS. THE WORST PART IS NOT KNOWING IF SOME OF THOSE ROLLS THAT I'M STILL CARRYING ARE ANY GOOD OR NOT. I'LL BUY MORE FRESH FILM SO THAT I AT LEAST HAVE GOOD PICTURES OF MY LAST FEW WEEKS HERE.

THE MORE I THINK ABOUT HOW I CARRIED MY FILM OVER HERE I'M SURE THAT ~~THE~~ THE EXTRA

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ROLLS CAME OVER WITH MY EXTRA BAGGAGE, NOT AS CARRY-ON, SO I'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE THAT THE BAGGAGE WASN'T RUN THROUGH AN X-RAY MACHINE. THERE'S A FAIR CHANCE IT WASN'T AS THAT WAS BEFORE 'UNCLE RON' BOMBED LIBYA.

ANYWAY, I PASSED THE DAY FINDING THE CATALOG NUMBERS OF ALL THE BICYCLE STAMPS ISSUED IN WESTERN EUROPE UP TO 1978 AND HELPED MIKE LAY SOME BRICKS IN THE BACKYARD WHEN I GOT BACK.

8-13-86

NO KM'S

MIKE: I WENT TO MAINZ YESTERDAY SO I COULD FIND SOME GAITERS TO KEEP MY SHINS DRY IF I HAVE TO RIDE IN THE RAIN ONCE I HIT THE ROAD AGAIN.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE ALSO FOUND A GREAT STAMP SHOP ALONG THE WAY; I BOUGHT 60, - DM WORTH OF STAMPS. BUT NOW I'VE ONLY GOT 20 SETS TO GO BEFORE I HAVE ALL WESTERN EUROPE STAMPS ISSUED UP TO 1978. I'LL GET AT LEAST FIVE MORE SETS BEFORE I RETURN HOME.

MIKE: I WENT BOWLING YESTERDAY AS WELL

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I TRIED BOWLING LEFT HANDED. I HAD MY FOOTWORK DOWN FAIRLY WELL AFTER THE FIRST GAME BUT STILL COULDN'T BREAK 100. STILL, IT WAS GOOD EXERCISE FOR MY LEFT SIDE AS MY ARM IS PRETTY SORE TODAY.

MIKE: I ONCE AGAIN SPENT AN EVENING DIGGING UP THE BACKYARD; LAYING BRICKS. WE SHOULD BE FINISHED NOW. WE ALSO PUT A^{UP} TENT IN THE BACK YARD AFTER MIKE^(JR)'S FRIEND ROBERT, MADE A MESS OF THINGS TRYING TO DO IT THEMSELVES.

TODAY'S AGENDA SHOULD BE PICTURE HANGING; FIXING MIKE JR'S REAR DERAILLEUR - IT GOT WRAPPED UP IN HIS REAR SPOKES; MANGED EVERYTHING PRETTY GOOD.

8-15-86

5km

I GUESS IT'S ONCE AGAIN TIME TO GET CAUGHT UP ON EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. MOST OF THE TIME I'VE JUST ~~SPENT~~ RELAXING; DOING JUST ABOUT NOTHING, BUT A COUPLE DAYS AGO I DID ABOUT FOUR HOURS OF WORK REPAIRING MIKE JR'S; ROBERT'S BIKES.

ON MIKE'S BIKE I PUT ON; ADJUSTED A NEW REAR

(25,750)

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DERAILLEUR, TIGHTENED BOTH WHEELS, REPLACED FOUR SPOKES, STRAIGHTENED OUT THE CHAIN GUARD ON HIS FRONT CRANKSET; ADJUSTED HIS FRONT DERAILLEUR. I ALSO ADJUSTED HIS REAR AXLE BEARINGS; HE REPLACED BOTH HIS REAR TIRES THE DAY BEFORE, SO HE'S ALMOST GOT A NEW BIKE. I'M GLAD THINGS WENT SO WELL. I TRIED TO ADJUST HIS FRONT BRAKES THE DAY BEFORE; HAD VERY LIMITED SUCCESS; FELT LIKE AN IDIOT, SO HAVING EVERYTHING GO SO WELL WAS GREAT.

ROBERT'S BIKE WAS A MESS. WE REPLACED ONE SPOKE; I ATTEMPTED TO TRUE HIS WHEELS, BUT THEY HAD BEEN DENTED IN SO MANY PLACES; THE SPOKES WERE SO LOOSE THAT THE BEST I COULD DO WAS TENSION 'EM; GET 'EM FAIRLY TRUE.

I'VE SPENT MOST OF MY PRODUCTIVE TIME IN THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS TRYING TO GET THINGS ORGANIZED BEFORE I HEAD OUT AGAIN, PROBABLY TOMORROW. I GOT MY SHOES GLUED BACK TOGETHER IN HOPES THAT THEY'LL SURVIVE ANOTHER MONTH OR SO. I THINK THEY WILL. I GOT SOME SOUVENIRS, ETC... SHIPPED BACK

(25,845)

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TO THE STATES, & MY CLOTHES; SLEEPING BAG WASHED.

I ALSO BOUGHT A FEW MORE STAMPS (11 DM WORTH) AT THE LOCAL STAMP SHOP; TRIED TO FIND A BALL FOR BROWN DOG; COURTNEY WITHOUT SUCCESS.

THE 'JAHRMARKT' STARTS TONIGHT. IT'S BASICALLY A HUGE CARNIVAL OR COUNTY FAIR. I GUESS MIKE & ILONA; I WILL GO HAVE A LOOK AT IT AFTER HAVING SOME NACHOS TONIGHT.

(3-16-86)

(95 km)

A GOOD DAY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT I HAVE A SORE KNEE; THAT I FAILED TO BUY GROCERIES FOR TOMORROW, SUNDAY.

THINGS GOT ROLLING AT 5:30 AM WHEN MIKE WOKE ME UP TO GO ON A VOLKSMARCH AT MONZLINGEN(?). I WALKED IT WITH MIKE JR & ROBERT WHILE MIKE RAN IT. IT ~~WAS~~ WAS ELEVEN KILOMETERS ROUGHLY 40% UPHILL; IT'S PROBABLY WHY MY KNEE IS SORE. BUT IT WAS FUN; AT THE END I GOT A LITTLE STATUE SHOWING I HAD COMPLETED THE COURSE.

MIKE SWUNG BY THE KASERNE ON THE WAY BACK

(25945)

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PICKED UP THREE PACKAGES OF SLIDES, A LETTER FROM ALEA THAT HAD COME FOR ME. GOOD NEWS!! - MY SLIDES ARE O.K. - THE FILM WASN'T 'FOGGED' BY X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

I'VE ENDED UP IN LIMBURG, AT THE HOSTEL, FOR THE NIGHT. I WANTED TO GO FARTHER BUT I DIDN'T GET AS EARLY A START AS I HAD PLANNED. HOW FAR I GO TOMORROW DEPENDS ON HOW THE KNEE HOLDS UP.

(8-17-86)

(100km)

A FAIR DAY. LOTS OF CASTLES TO SEE, BUT NOT MUCH ELSE. PLENTY OF 10% + GRADES AS WELL, BUT THERE SHOULDN'T BE TOO MANY MORE OF 'EM BEFORE THINGS GET PRETTY FLAT.

NOT HAVING ANY FOOD WAS NO PROBLEM TODAY. I FOUND A MCDONALDS IN GIESSEN, MARBURG, HAD BREAKFAST AT THE HOSTEL, SO I DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO FIND A BAKERY. IT'S A GOOD THING TOO, AS THE ONLY ONE I SAW TODAY WAS BOARDED UP.

MY KNEE WAS STILL A BIT SORE TODAY, THE STEEP GRADES DIDN'T HELP, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN YESTERDAY & SHOULD BE FINE BY TOMORROW.

(26,065)

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I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN MARBURG TONIGHT. LUCKY THERE ARE ONLY A DOZEN OR SO SOLO TRAVELLERS HERE. IT'S A WELCOME RELIEF AFTER A BUSLOAD OF PINT-SIZED MONSTERS LAST NIGHT.

(8-18-86)

(120 km)

THINGS DIDN'T GET OFF TO A GREAT START TODAY, BUT THEY'RE TURNING OUT O.K.

FIRST, IT RAINED NEARLY NON-STOP FOR FIVE HOURS. SECOND, THE GERMAN AUTO CLUB MAP I'VE GOT SUCKS. IT DOESN'T SHOW ENOUGH OF THE SMALL TOWNS. THIRD, GETTING THROUGH KASSEL WAS A ROYAL PAIN IN THE ASS. I'D GO FOR TWO KM, MY ROAD WOULD BECOME AUTOBAHN, I'D HAVE TO DETOUR 3 OR 4 KM TO FIND ANOTHER ROAD, PLUS THERE WERE LOTS OF SHIT-HEADED GERMANS MOTIONING FOR ME TO USE THE BIKE PATHS WHICH USUALLY WENT ONLY A COUPLE HUNDRED METERS, THEN ENDED. FOURTH, I DIDN'T GET TO A BANK TO CHANGE MONEY - I'VE GOT 85 PFENNIG RIGHT NOW. ~~AND~~ FIFTH, I'M A GRUBBY MESS 'CAUSE WITH NO FRONT FENDER MUDDY RAINWATER GOES EVERYWHERE.

ANYWAY, I'M STAYING AT THE HOSTEL AT HANN-

(26,150)

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MÜNCHEN ; SO FAR I HAVE A ROOM TO MYSELF, BUT IF MORE PEOPLE DO SHOW UP THERE~~RE~~ ONLY THREE BEDS ANYWAY SO THINGS CAN'T GET CROWDED.

I'VE DECIDED I'M NOT GOING TO HAMBURG AS GETTING THROUGH IT LOOKS TEN TIMES WORSE ON THE MAP THAN KASSEL DOES. I'LL AVOID ALL THE BIG CITIES EXCEPT LÜBECK BETWEEN HERE & COPENHAGEN.

(8-19-86)

(85km)

ANOTHER DAY OF RAIN, SO I DECIDED TO SHORTEN MY ROUTE TODAY. BY DOING THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE PACE OF FIFTY ~~PER~~ MILES OR SO PER DAY IF THE RAIN KEEPS UP. OTHERWISE I WOULD HAVE HAD TO DO EITHER 20 MILES OR ~~ABOUT~~ ^{ABOUT} EIGHTY TOMORROW IN ORDER TO REACH A YOUTH HOSTEL.

I HOPE IT STOPS RAINING SOON, THOUGH I KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE IT COULD RAIN UNTIL I LEAVE EUROPE. THERE'VE BEEN A FEW INTERESTING SIGHTS TODAY, ^{BUT} YOU DON'T FEEL MUCH LIKE TAKING PICTURES WHEN IT MEANS STANDING IN THE RAIN, TRYING TO PEEL OFF WET GLOVES, DRYING YOUR HANDS, DIGGING THE CAMERA OUT OF THE PANNIER ; TAKING

(26,225)

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IT OUT OF ~~THE~~ A PLASTIC BAG, THEN TRY^{ING} TO CENTER YOUR PICTURE WHILE KEEPING THE CAMERA & ESPECIALLY THE LENS DRY. AND THEN PUTTING EVERYTHING AWAY ; PUTTING ON WET GLOVES. IT HAS TO BE A GREAT SHOT FIRST.

ANYWAY, I MANAGED TO TREAD WATER AS FAR AS POLLE TODAY, ANOTHER YOUTH HOSTEL FILLED WITH TINY TEUTONS WHOSE HORMONES ARE RUNNING AMUCK^(amok?) ^(sp?). I ONLY HOPE THAT DANISH PARENTS DON'T THINK OF YOUTH HOSTELS AS CHEAP DAY CARE CENTERS ALSO.

(8-20-86)

(75km)

NOT QUITE SO MUCH RAIN TODAY. IN FACT IT'S CLEAR NOW ; LOOKS AS THOUGH IT MAY STAY THAT WAY AT LEAST OVERNIGHT.

I WAS A BIT SURPRISED WHEN I PASSED THROUGH HAMELN TODAY. MOST AMERICANS KNOW IT AS HAMELN, OF PIED PIPER FAME, SO NATURALLY THEY'VE BUILT THE LOCAL TOURIST INDUSTRY AROUND THAT THEME. OTHER THAN THAT IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL, BUT IT WAS FUN JUST STUMBLING ACROSS IT.

ONCE AGAIN (FOR THREE DAYS IN A ROW) THE

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HIGH
HASN'T REACHED OVER 60°F, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN TOO ^{UNCOMF}FORTABLE. IN FACT IT'S BEEN FAIRLY NICE, WITH THE RAIN; ALL, SINCE PUTTING ON RAIN GEAR HASN'T CAUSED ME TO OVERHEAT.

IT'S BEEN A LAZY DAY; I'VE ONLY MADE IT AS FAR AS THE HOSTEL AT BARSINGHAUSEN, WHICH SO FAR SEEMS PRETTY NICE. THERE ARE NO SCREAMING LITTLE MONSTERS DASHING ABOUT; * SOMEHOW I'VE GOT A PRIVATE ROOM - ONLY ONE BED!

8-21-86

120km

I TRIED TO PUTTER ALONG; SEE SOME SIGHTS TODAY, BUT DIDN'T HAVE MUCH LUCK. A FEW MILES OUT OF BARSINGHAUSEN EVERYTHING FLATTENED OUT; IT WAS NOTHING BUT TINY FARMING VILLAGES. THERE WERE SOME INTERESTING FARMS, BUT THE BUILDINGS WERE SO LARGE; DISJOINTED IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A DECENT PICTURE.

THERE WAS A THREAT OF RAIN ALL DAY BUT FOR THE MOST PART I AVOIDED IT. THE WEST WIND THAT CAME WITH IT WAS MOSTLY HELPFUL AS I WAS HEADED N/NE MOST OF THE DAY.

I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN BISPINGEN TONIGHT.

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THE WARDEN'S PRETTY SURLY TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, WHICH IS UNUSUAL. NO TELLING WHAT'S CRAWLED UP HIS ASS.

I GUESS THIS IS HEATHER COUNTRY. I'VE SEEN MANY SMALL PATCHES OF IT HERE; THERE, BUT I'D LIKE TO FIND ONE ^{OF} THE HUGE FIELDS OF IT THAT I KEEP SEEING PICTURES OF. I'VE GOT A FEELING TOMORROW MORNING MAY BE MY LAST CHANCE, AT LEAST IN GERMANY.

8-22-86

115km

I DIDN'T FIND ANY HEATHER TODAY, MAINLY BECAUSE IT WAS RAINING SO I DIDN'T BOTHER LOOKING FOR IT THIS MORNING. BUT THERE WERE A FEW THINGS OF INTEREST ALONG THE WAY.

I SAW A WINDMILL NEAR SALZHAUSEN THAT SEEMED TO HAVE BLADES WITH LOUVERED SLATS, THAT COULD BE OPENED OR CLOSED, THAT WERE USED IN PLACE OF TRADITIONAL SAILCLOTHS.

THE "SCHIFFSHEBEWERK" NEAR SCHARWEBECK ON THE ELBE-SEITEN KANAL WAS INTERESTING. IT'S A MASSIVE LIFT LOCK, THOUGH IT ISN'T HYDRAULIC. APPARENTLY THERE IS A HUGE ENGINE IN THE 'TUB'

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TO GET IT TO THE UPPER LEVEL? IT SEEMS TO COME DOWN BY GRAVITY.

ONCE AGAIN THERE WERE A LOT OF INTERESTING FARMS, BUT THE DREARY DAY MADE GETTING PICTURES DIFFICULT, SO I JUST LOOKED.

I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN RATZBURG NOW. THE TOWN, ACCORDING TO ONE OF MY MAPS, IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE "A PICTURESQUE TOWNSCAPE", BUT IT DOESN'T. IN MY MIND THIS PLACE SCORES A BIG ZERO. SAME WITH THE HOSTEL, WHICH CAN BE SAID OF AT LEAST HALF THE HOSTELS IN GERMANY. THEY'RE CLEAN & EFFICIENT, BUT TOTALLY LACK CHARACTER. IT'LL BE NICE TO BE IN DENMARK IN A FEW DAYS IN HOPES OF A CHANGE.

8-23-86

70 km

I'M ON ANOTHER THREE HOUR FERRY RIDE, BUT I'M FINALLY LEAVING WEST GERMANY. I DOUBT IF THE SCENERY WILL CHANGE MUCH, BUT I COULD USE A CHANGE OF PEOPLE. I'VE BEEN PRETTY MUCH AVOIDING PEOPLE LATELY, BUT THE FEW THAT I'VE TALKED SEEMED TO BE A BIT SHITTY ABOUT MY NOT SPEAKING GERMAN. PERHAPS IT'S THE ACCUMULATED AFFECT OF

26,630

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A SUMMER OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING TOURISTS WHO COULDN'T SPEAK GERMAN. IT'S PRETTY ABSURD ANYWAY. ONCE THEY START SPEAKING ENGLISH TO ME MOST OF WHAT THEY SAY ~~IS~~ IS UNNECESSARY. ~~Anyway~~.

AT ANY RATE I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO BLOWING A FEW KRONERS IN COPENHAGEN ON MONDAY / TUESDAY. I NEED TO VENT THE FENT-UP CONSUMERISM I FEEL AFTER WATCHING THE PEENIGS & GRÖSCHEN FOR SO LONG.

I MADE IT AS FAR NYKØBING LAST NIGHT. THE YOUTH HOSTEL HERE CONSISTS OF A CAMPGROUND & A BUNCH OF SMALL HUTS. THE HUTS WERE FULL, SO I HAD TO CAMP OUT. MY TENT, SLEEPING BAG WERE PRETTY WET FROM ALL THE RAIN LATELY, SO I SLEPT IN A SCOGGY SLEEPING BAG.

ANOTHER AMERICAN CYCLIST IS STAYING HERE, SAM, & WE STARTED TALKING AROUND 7:30, I DIDN'T CALL IT QUITS 'TIL ABOUT MIDNIGHT. OF COURSE HE'S HEADED SOUTH, BUT THAT'S NOTHING NEW.

8-24-86

100 km

I ONLY PAID 22 Kr FOR CAMPING LAST NIGHT OR ABOUT \$3. ONE KRONER EQUALS ABOUT 15 CENTS \$, IS

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MADE UP OF 100 ØRE.

THE SCENERY HAS BEEN LACKLUSTER MOST OF THE DAY; THE WEATHER HAS BEEN UNSETTLED, WITH SHORT SHOWERS OFF & ON ALL DAY.

I'M STAYING AT THE HOSTEL IN KØGE TONIGHT FOR 62 KR. 42 KR IS FOR THE ROOM (16.!) & 20 KR IS FOR BREAKFAST, SO ALTOGETHER ABOUT 19 WHICH IS A BIT STEEP, BUT I GUESS SWEDEN IS WORSE & IT BEATS CAMPING OUT.

8-25-86

40 km

THE WEATHER'S FINALLY CLEARED UP & IT'S BEEN A GREAT DAY. I ARRIVED IN COPENHAGEN AT 10:30 & CHANGED MONEY & BOUGHT STAMPS.

WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE HOSTEL I MET ALEX, A GUY FROM CHICAGO, & WE WENT IN TO TOWN TOGETHER. UNFORTUNATELY MOST THINGS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY BUT WE MANAGED TO KILL TIME 'TIL TIVOLI ~~COPENHAGEN~~ WAS LIT UP & WENT THERE FOR THE EVENING.

TIVOLI IS BASICALLY JUST AN AMUSEMENT PARK WITH RIDES, RESTAURANTS, & ENTERTAINMENT, BUT IT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL TOO, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT

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WITH ALL THE BUILDINGS OUTLINED WITH LIGHTS & ELECTRIC DRAGONFLIES LIT UP IN THE POND & LIGHTS HANGING LIKE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS IN THE TREES.

MY HIP WAS REALLY KILLING ME AFTER WALKING AROUND ALL DAY. WHEN I SAW THE DOC IN BEDFORD HE SAID HE WAS A BIT CONCERNED BY UNUSUAL WEAR IN MY RIGHT HIP SOCKET, SO IT'S PROBABLY A GOOD THING I'M HEADING HOME RATHER THAN CONTINUING ON.

8-26-86

NO km

SIGHTSEEING IS TOUGH WORK: WALK, WALK, WALK ALL DAY LONG. AND ON A SORE HIP ALSO. BUT TODAY HAD IT'S REWARDS. ALEX & I STARTED THE DAY VISITING THE TUBORG BREWERY & AFTER A FEW BEERS, SOME JOKES & A LOTTA LAUGHS DECIDED TO VISIT CARLSBERG BREWERY ALSO. IT WAS A BIT ANTI CLIMACTIC BECAUSE THE TOUR WAS PRETTY DISORGANIZED & THEY WERE PRETTY STINGY WITH THE BREWSKIES, BUT IT WAS PROBABLY STILL MORE FUN THAN LOOKING AT PALACES OR MUSEUMS.

(26,705)

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WE WENT & SAW "THE KARATE KID: PT II" THIS EVENING. I HAD A HARD TIME FOLLOWING IT AT FIRST BECAUSE THE DANISH SUB-TITLES DISTRACTED ME. IT WAS A GOOD THING WE DID THAT RATHER THAN ROAMING AROUND LOOKING FOR A BAR 'CAUSE MY HIPS FEELING BETTER & I'D BEEN A CRIPPLE IF WE HADN'T.

(8-27-86)

(35km)

IM TAKING THE FERRY TO MALMÖ NOW. USUALLY IT'S 42 DKR, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE A PRICE WAR WITH THE HYDROFOIL FERRY & SO IT'S ONLY 20DKR. I ONLY HAD 1,30 DKR + A BUNCH OF 100 KR NOTES & THE CASHIER DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE CHANGE SO I GOT TO GO FOR 1,30 DKR. THAT'S 17¢ FOR A 1½ ~~hour~~ HOUR FERRY RIDE.

I ALMOST SCREWED UP & MISSED THE FERRY AS WELL. THE TIMETABLE AT THE TOURIST OFFICE SAID IT LEFT AT 10:30AM, BUT IT PULLED OUT AT 10:32 & I GOT ON AT 10:31, SO IT WAS GOOD THAT I WAS EARLY.

IM AT THE HOSTEL IN MALMÖ FOR THE NIGHT.

(26,705)

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AFTER GETTING OFF THE FERRY & LOOKING AROUND TOWN I HEADED FOR YSTAD, BUT ONLY GOT AS FAR AS BARA WHEN MY FRONT TIRE BLEW OUT. THE TUBE ENDED UP WITH A RATHER LARGE STAR BURST ON IT THAT MORE THAN LIKELY WOULDN'T TAKE A PATCH, SO I PUT ON MY SPARE TUBE. FIRST I HAD TO WHACK A PIECE OFF THE OLD TUBE TO STOP UP A GAPPING HOLE IN THE TIRE SO THAT I COULD LIMP TO A BIKE SHOP.

BARA DIDN'T HAVE A BIKE SHOP BUT THE SUPER-MARKET SOLD 27 X 1½" TIRES THAT I COULDN'T SQUEEZE ONTO THE RIM. I TRIED 28 X 1½" ALSO, BUT THEY WOULDN'T STAY ON. SO I HAD TO HOBBLE ALONG FOR 13 KM BACK TO MALMÖ WHERE I GOT A ~~REPAIR~~ ^{REPAIRMAN} & DIRECTIONS TO THE HOSTEL FOR 42 SWK (16^{SE}) - THE DIRECTIONS WERE FREE.

I RAN INTO A LOT OF FRIENDLY SWEDES WHILE LOOKING FOR HELP TODAY, WHICH REALLY MADE ME FEEL GOOD. HERE, ELSEWHERE THE PEOPLE IN THE TOURIST PLACES & HOSTELS SEEM TO BE PRETTY BURST OUT ABOUT SPEAKING ENGLISH OR BEING FRIENDLY, WHICH IS A SHAME

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BECAUSE I'VE BECOME SO SELF SUFFICIENT THAT THOSE ARE ABOUT THE ONLY PEOPLE I MEET & I FORM MY OPINIONS BASED ON THEIR BEHAVIOUR.

I DEFINITELY NEED TO OPEN UP A BIT MORE, ~~THOUGH~~ THOUGH IT'S TOUGH WITH THE WEATHER NOT BEING TOO GREAT (IT'S BEEN UNSETTLED TODAY - MOST CLOUDY & OCCASSIONAL SHOWERS & PLENTY OF WIND).

8-28-86

70km

THINGS WERE JUST THE SAME TRYING TO GET OUT OF MALMÖ TODAY AS THEY WERE YESTERDAY: A GIANT PAIN IN THE ASS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE SIGNS FOR THEIR BIKE PATHS & MY MAP ARE TALKING TWO DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. THE PATHS ALL POINT TO TINY TOWNS NOT SHOWN ON MY MAP, SO I GOT LOST QUITE A FEW TIMES TODAY, MAINLY AROUND MALMÖ & LANDSKRONA.

IT'S BEEN BLOWIN' LIKE HELL TODAY SO I DECIDED TO BLOW WITH THE WIND & GET OUT OF SWEDEN. I DIDN'T WANT TO CHANGE MORE MONEY ANYWAY. INSTEAD I HAD A HARD TIME GETTING RID OF WHAT MONEY I HAD.

I THOUGHT I'D BUY SOME STAMPS WITH IT, BUT ALL THE DEALERS IN TOWN ARE AT AN EXHIBITION

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IN STOCKHOLM. THEN I TRIED LOOKING FOR SOUVENIRS, BUT THERE WEREN'T MANY SHOPS TO LOOK THROUGH & NOTHING INTERESTED ME, SO I BOUGHT A BUNCH OF FOOD INSTEAD, THOUGH THAT WASN'T TOO EASY. I RARELY BUY MORE THAN \$3.4 WORTH OF FOOD AT A TIME & FINDING FOOD WORTH TWICE THAT AMOUNT WAS A CHALLENGE.

I'M IN HELSINGBÖR (DENMARK) AT THE HOSTEL AFTER TAKING A 1/2 HOUR FERRY RIDE FROM HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN (26 SKR - \$4). IT'S A NICE PLACE, BUT LOTS OF KIDDIES ABOUT - NOTHIN' NEW.

8-29-86

90km

THE WIND HAS FINALLY CALMED DOWN & IT AT FIRST APPEARED THAT SOME GOOD WEATHER WOULD BE HERE TO STAY FOR AWHILE, BUT CLOUDS HAVE BEEN MOVING IN & IT LOOKS AS THOUGH SOME SHOWERS MAY CATCH UP WITH ME BY THIS EVENING.

I'VE HAD GREAT LUCK CATCHING FERRIES TODAY. THE ONE FROM HUNDESTED I CAUGHT WITH TEN MINUTES TO SPARE & THE ONE TO EBELTOFT LEFT LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES AFTER I BOARDED. THEY'VE SCREWED UP TODAY'S FINANCES, COSTING 19 DKR &

73 DKr RESPECTIVELY.

OH YEAH, ONE OF THE LITTLE KIDDIES AT THE HOSTEL ~~WAS~~ WAS NICE ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE THERMOMETER I HAD ATTACHED TO MY HANDLEBAR STEM. IT'S NO GREAT EXPENSE, BUT A ROYAL PAIN IN THE ASS. IT'S A GOOD THING I DON'T HAVE A KID OF MY OWN TO TAKE IT OUT ON. (NOT REALLY).

I'M STAYING AT THE HOSTEL IN EBELTOFT TONIGHT. THIS TOWN IS GREAT! INCREDIBLY PICTURESQUE STREETS. A GREAT SUNSET OVER THE BAY - WOW! PLUS, DOWN BY THE FERRY TERMINAL THERE ARE AT LEAST 17 ELECTRICITY GENERATING WINDMILLS ALL CLUSTERED TOGETHER. I'VE SEEN A LOT OF SMALL SCALE APPLICATIONS OF WINDPOWER HERE IN DENMARK, BUT THIS IS THE BIG DADDY OF 'EM ALL.

THIS HOSTEL IS KINDA NEAT. IN FACT ALL DANISH HOSTELS SEEM TO HAVE A LOT MORE PERSONALITY THAN THE GERMAN HOSTELS DO, AND THEY'RE CLEANER THAN MOST ANYWHERE ELSE I'VE BEEN. OH YEAH, THE BIKE ROOM HERE IS AN OLD CYLINDRICAL BOMB SHELTER BURIED IN THE BACK YARD.

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MY BUNKIE TONIGHT IS FROM HADERSLEV, DK. I CONSULTED HIM ABOUT MY PROPOSED ROUTE; HE THINKS I'M HEADED FOR SOME OF THE BEST SCENERY IN DENMARK. NOW I'LL JUST HAVE TO PRAY THAT THE WEATHER HOLDS.

ANOTHER THING THAT HAS PUT ME IN GOOD HUMOR TODAY IS THAT I FIGURED OUT THAT MY SCRE-HIP IN COPENHAGEN WAS DUE TO MY BACK STARTING TO GET PULLED OUT OF LINE. THE GOOD THING ABOUT THAT IS THAT EVEN A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF CORRECTIVE EXERCISE SEEMS TO RELIEVE THE PROBLEM. NEED-LESS TO SAY, I'M TRYING TO DO MY EXERCISES REGULARLY ONCE AGAIN. ALL THIS FLAT LAND, WIND ADD UP TO BIG TROUBLE IF I DON'T.

8-30-86

100 Km

IT HADN'T BEEN A TERRIBLY EXCITING OR SCENIC DAY - THE HIGHLIGHT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THAT A BUG GOT INTO MY HAIR AS I WAS RIDING THROUGH FARMLAND; WHEN I TRIED TO SLAP HIM, I KNOCKED MY SUNGLASSES OFF; INTO A PILE OF COWSHIT. LIFE IN THE FAST LANE. I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN VIBORG TONIGHT. THE

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PLACE IS GREAT - REALLY SPACIOUS ROOMS ;
THE LITTLE READING LIGHTS ABOVE EACH BUNK
THAT ALMOST ALL DANISH HOSTELS HAVE, BUT
THEY AREN'T SERVING BREAKFAST TOMORROW
WHICH IS A DOWNRIGHT SHAME. BREAKFASTS USUALLY
CONSIST OF A BUFFER OF 4 OR FIVE DIFFERENT
BREADS OR ROLLS, YOGURT, CHEESE, SALAMI, BUTTER,
1 OR 2 JAMS, CORNFLAKES, BRAN, COLD OATS, MILK
TEA, OR COFFEE - AS MUCH AS YOU CAN HANDLE
OF ANYTHING YOU LIKE (OR EVERYTHING YOU LIKE).

(8-31-96)

(90km)

NOTHING NEW TODAY - JUST LOW HILLS ; FJORDS ; A
LOT OF WHEAT FIELDS. AMAZING THE WEATHER'S STILL
GOOD. IT KEEPS LOOKING AS THOUGH IT MAY TURN BAD
BUT SO FAR SO GOOD. HOPEFULLY IT'LL STAY NICE FOR
A FEW DAYS, AS I TURN SOUTH ; HEAD ALONG THE
COAST TOMORROW. IF IT DOES, THAT'LL MEAN A TAIL
WIND ALL THE WAY OUT OF DENMARK.

I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN THISTED (ACTUALLY SKINNERUP)
TONIGHT. THERE ARE THREE GUYS TOURING ON
MOUNTAIN BIKES ; IT LOOKS AS THOUGH SOMEONE IS
TOURING ON AN OLD (PROBABLY DANISH) MAILMAN'S

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BIKE (WITH MOSTLY HOMEMADE GEAR). I HOPE IF
I MEET ANY OF THEM THAT THEY DON'T GO THROUGH
A LOT OF BRAGGING ; CHEST-THUMPING ABOUT HOW
GREAT THEY ARE. ; WHY THE WAY THEY CHOOSE TO
TRAVEL IS BETTER THAN ANY OTHER WAY. I'M GETTING
WORK A BIT THIN BY THE ONE-UPMANSHIP THAT I
FEEL IN A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS I'VE HAD. PERHAPS
IT'S DUE TO THE FACT THAT I ^{IR}TRAVELLED SO FAR ; HAVE
SO MANY ANECDOTAL STORIES TO TELL THAT I
CAUSE SOME OF IT, BUT LATELY I'VE KEPT QUIET
ABOUT MY TRAVELS ; IT STILL HAPPENS. PERHAPS I'VE
BECOME HARD TO IMPRESS ; TEND TO MAKE FOLKS
TRY HARDER TO IMPRESS ME. STILL, IT POINTS OUT
WHAT A VAIN BUSINESS BICYCLE TRAVEL (OR TRAVEL IN
GENERAL) IS. EVERYBODY TRYING TO TRAVEL FARTHER,
LONGER, BETTER, CHEAPER, OR WHATEVER - AND YET
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO DID ~~OR~~ MORE OR
ENDURED GREATER HARDSHIPS, OR THAT DIDN'T HAVE
THE BENEFIT OF ADVICE (PASSED ON IN THE FORM OF
BOOKS, TOURIST INFO, ETC...) FROM PEOPLE WHO CAME
BEFORE HIM. SO WHY TRAVEL IF THAT'S ALL YOUR
TRYING TO PROVE? WHY NOT STAY HOME ; TRY TO

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GET A BETTER TAN OR A BETTER JOB OR A NICER HOUSE OR A CUTER GIRLFRIEND? IT'S LIKE RUNNING ALL OVER THE WORLD TELLING EVERYONE HOW GREAT YOU ARE INSTEAD OF TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE.

WHILE I'M SPILLING MY GUTS, NATIONALISM IS ANOTHER BOTHERSOME TOPIC. I THINK I'VE MENTIONED BEFORE THAT IN MY MIND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT AMERICA THAT REALLY MEANS THE U.S. CANADA & EUROPE IS EUROPE - ALL THE NATIONALISM DUE TO A COMMON LANGUAGE OR DIALECT IS BULLSHIT. PEOPLE AREN'T DANISH OR GERMAN OR ITALIAN - ~~THEY'RE~~ THEY'RE EUROPEANS. THE REASON THIS SENDS A WILD HAIR UP MY ASS IS THAT THE FOCUS IS ON AMERICA. "AMERICA THIS, AMERICA THAT ...", GOOD, BAD, WHATEVER. EVEN IF TEXAS IS THE ONLY STATE TO DO SOMETHING BAD, AMERICA GETS THE BLAME, BUT IF ITALY SCREWS UP, THE REST OF EUROPE IS KEPT "CLEAN" BECAUSE THEY AREN'T ITALIANS. AND YET A DANE HAS AS MUCH CONTROL OVER WHAT AN ITALIAN DOES AS SOMEONE FROM WASHINGTON HAS OVER WHAT A TEXAN DOES.

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THAT'S THE END OF MY LECTURE TODAY. I'D GO ON, BUT I'M TRYING TO MAKE THE PAGES LAST 'TIL I GO HOME.

9-1-86

10km

I GOT OUT OF THISTED ~~THIS MORNING~~ ~~LAST MORNING~~ WITHOUT ANY NASTY DISCUSSIONS, BUT I DID GET A LOOK FROM ONE OF THE THREE GERMAN GUYS AFTER WE SWAPPED STORIES THAT SAID: "OH. ANOTHER AMERICAN THAT DIDN'T REALLY SEE EUROPE." I'D LIKE TO STUFF THAT LOOK UP HIS ASS, BUT WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO?

THE WEATHER WAS SO-SO TODAY. THE WIND WAS GENERALLY WESTERLY. I WAS GOING SOUTH SO IT WASN'T A REAL PROBLEM.

I STOPPED AT NØRRE VORUPPØR, WHERE THEY HOIST THEIR FISHING BOATS UP ON THE SANDY BEACH, THIS AM. IT WAS INTERESTING BUT IMPENDING RAIN CUT THINGS SHORT. I ALSO SAW A LOT OF HEATHER COVERED DUNES AS WELL.

I HAD PLANNED TO STAY AT STRUER HOSTEL TODAY, BUT THEY WERE COMPLETELY BOOKED, SO I HAD TO GO ANOTHER 16km TO HØLSTEBRO

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INSTEAD. THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OF US HERE
 † WE ALL TRIED STRUER FIRST.

OH YEAH. I MET A DUTCH GUY NAMED COEZE
 (PRONOUNCED LIKE TUNA WITH A 'C') HERE - WENT
 TO TOWN FOR CHINESE FOOD. I HAD PORK
 WITH CURRY SAUCE. THAT SOUNDS INDIAN TO
 ME BUT PERHAPS TO DANES IT'S THE SAME AS
 CHINESE. IT WAS GOOD THOUGH.

(9-3-86)

(60km)

IT'S BEEN A WINDY, † SHOWERY DAY BUT I'VE MADE
 IT TO HVIDESANDE O.K. I'M HERE AT THE YOUTH HOSTEL
 WAITING TO CHECK IN. THERE'S A WIERD OLD MAN
 POTTERING AROUND IN A GRUMPY MOOD (PERHAPS IT'S
 NOT REALLY WIERD FOR AN OLD MAN TO POTTER AROUND
 † BE GRUMPY?). ANYWAY I'VE GOT A FEELING WE'RE
 GONNA BE BUNKIES. OH, BOY! EVEN IF HE DOESN'T
 SNORE I'M SURE HIS LOUD BREATHING COULD KEEP
 ME AWAKE.

THIS GUY MUST HAVE A HOT DATE. IT'S FOUR
 AFTER FOUR † THE RECEPTION IS SUPPOSED TO OPEN
 AT FOUR † THIS GUYS PACING AROUND IN CIRCLES
 † STOPPING ONCE IN A WHILE TO BREATHE HEAVY

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ON THE RECEPTION WINDOW.

I LUCKED OUT. NO OLD MAN IN THE ROOM, IN
 FACT I'M ALONE. THE OLD MAN WASN'T SO GRUMPY
 AFTER HE HAD HIS DINNER, BUT I'D STILL BET THAT
 HE SNORES TOO LOUD.

(9-3-86)

(105km)

ANOTHER DAMP, † DREARY DAY. AND A DREARY
 HOSTEL AS WELL. ACTUALLY THE HOSTEL'S PRETTY
 CHEERFUL (LIKE MOST IN DENMARK), IT'S THE WARDEN
 WHO'S DREARY: DO THIS, DO THAT, MOVE YOUR BIKE. I
 GUESS THIS IS MEANT TO PREPARE ME FOR MY RE-
 TURN TO GERMAN HOSTELS TOMORROW.

NOT MUCH HAPPENED TODAY. I WENT SHOPPING
 FOR STAMPS IN ESBERG † PICKED UP ^{> \$100} ~~\$100~~ WORTH FOR
 \$50, ^{WISH} ~~WISH~~ I FELT I COULD SPEND MORE.

I SNAPPED A REAR DERAILLEUR CABLE TODAY, BUT
 I'VE KNOWN THAT WAS COMING FOR ABOUT A MONTH
 NOW. I HAD A SPARE SO REPLACING IT TOOK 15 MIN.

I'M IN RIBE TONIGHT, AT THE HOSTEL AS I SAID.
 THE OLD MAN FROM LAST NIGHT IS HERE † ONCE
 AGAIN IN GOOD SPIRITS AS HE'D JUST FINISHED HIS

DINNER.

GUESS WHO MY 'BUNKY' IS TONIGHT? YEP. LOOKS LIKE IT WAS PREORDAINED. I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T SNORE TOO ~~LOUD~~ BECAUSE THERE'S NO CHANCE OF BEATING HIM TO BED AS HE'S ALREADY TURNED IN.

THE OLD GUY DOESN'T SNORE.

I HAD AN EASY DAY TODAY DUE TO A GREAT TAILWIND. I PROBABLY SHOULD'VE KEPT GOING, BUT DECIDED TO STOP AT FLENSBURG EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. RIGHT NOW I'M CHECKED IN AT THE HOSTEL.

I WAS THINKING ABOUT PASSING AROUND NORTHERN GERMANY, DOING SOME SIGHTSEEING, BUT NO SOONER HAD I CROSSED THE BORDER THAN I WAS OVERWHELMED WITH A SENSE OF HAVING SEEN TOO MUCH HERE ALREADY, SO I'M THINKING OF ALTERING MY PLANS ONCE AGAIN. I MAY GO TO HELGOLAND AS I HAD CONSIDERED EARLIER OR MAY CUT STRAIGHT ACROSS TO HOLLAND.

I ACTUALLY GOT STOPPED CROSSING THE BORDER THIS AFTERNOON. THE GUARD MADE A PHONE CALL, SUPPOSEDLY TO CHECK OUT MY PASSPORT, BUT IT

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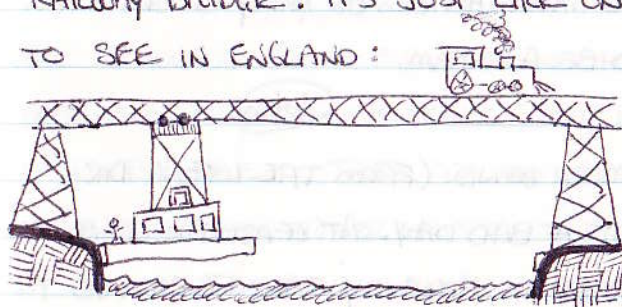
ONLY TOOK ABOUT ONE MINUTE, SO IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A RUSE TO SEE IF I'D START ACTING GUILTY OR SOMETHING. HE EVEN STAMPED IT AFTER I'D BEEN 'CLEARED'. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME FOR THIS PASSPORT.

9-5-86

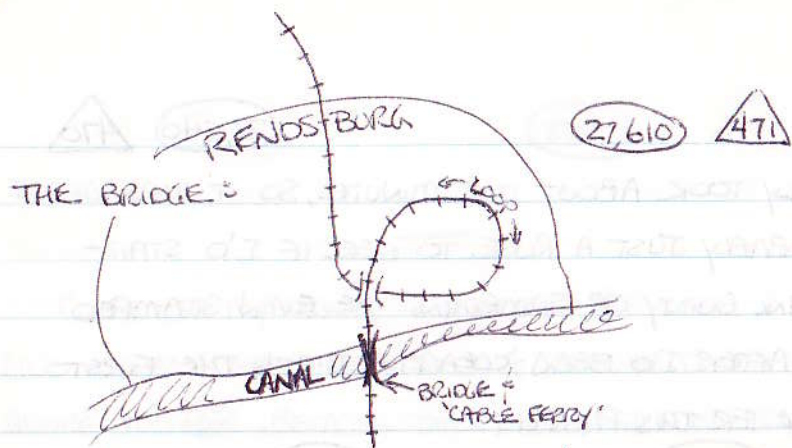
130km

NOT MUCH TO SEE TODAY AS I SPENT MOST OF THE DAY ON BIKE PATHS. THE GERMANS SEEM TO LIKE TO PUT THEIR PATHS OUT OF SIGHT OF CIVILISATION.

ONE INTERESTING THING I DID SEE WAS A SORT OF 'CABLE FERRY' SUSPENDED BENEATH A RAILWAY BRIDGE. IT'S JUST LIKE ONE I WANTED TO SEE IN ENGLAND:



IT WAS IN RENDSBURG. CROSSING ON IT WAS FREE. THE RAILROAD ITSELF WAS INTERESTING AS IT MADE AN INCLINED LOOP INSIDE THE CITY IN ORDER TO GAIN ENOUGH ELEVATION TO CROSS



I CHANGED SOME MONEY TODAY / ONLY GOT 1.99 DM TO THE BUCK. THAT MEANS THE DOLLAR'S LOST ABOUT 14% IN FIVE MONTHS OR FOR EVERY \$10 I SPEND TODAY I WOULD HAVE SPENT \$140 LESS IN APRIL.

I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN ITZHOE TONIGHT / I THINK I'M THE ONLY GUEST. THAT'S GREAT! A GERMAN HOSTEL WITHOUT HORDES OF NOISY LITTLE BRATS. THIS HAS GOT TO BE A DREAM.

(9-6-86)

(70km)

A BIT TOO MUCH WIND (FROM THE WRONG DIRECTION), BUT NOT A BAD DAY. AT LEAST I'M ORGANIZED AFTER BUYING MAPS OF HOLLAND / EAST FRIESLAND / I'VE GOT SOME NEW READING MATERIAL, "BRAVE NEW WORLD".

IT TURNED OUT THERE WERE QUITE A FEW FOLKS AT THE HOSTEL YESTERDAY, BUT MOSTLY A FAIRLY

QUIET GIRLS SOCCER TEAM. I ENDED UP WITH SOME FRIENDLY BUNKIES: TWO AUSTRIANS / A GERMAN.

I'M NOT SO LUCKY TONIGHT AT BEDERKESA. A BUNCH OF SNOTTY LITTLE TURDS WITH RAMPANT HORMONES HAS LAID SIEGE HERE / THE DECIBEL LEVEL IS ROUGHLY THAT OF TWELVE BOEING 747S WITH MUFFLER PROBLEMS. PERHAPS THE BUILDING WILL HOLD TOGETHER IF NO SYMPATHETIC VIBRATIONS BEGIN. IT'S TOO BAD I DON'T WEAR A HELMET. IT MAY BE WISE TO WEAR ONE TO BED TONIGHT.

(9-7-86)

(55km)

IT'S BEEN A NASTY DAY SO FAR: COLD, SHOWERY, / STIFF SW HEADWIND. I'M AT ECKWARDHÖRNE HOPING TO CATCH THE FERRY TO WILHELMSHAVEN, BUT I'M NOT SURE IF I'LL BE ABLE TO. THERE ARE ~~TWO~~ TWO FRIENDLY CHAPS IN THE INFORMATION TRAILER WHO SEEM TO BE KEEPING WARM BY DRINKING SCHNAPS WHO THOUGHT IT WAS ON ITS WAY AN HOUR AGO, BUT NOW THEY AREN'T SO SURE. THEY THINK POSSIBLY THERE'LL BE A FERRY AT 7:15PM, BUT THEN AGAIN MAYBE NOT / THE FERRY ONLY RUNS ON WEEKENDS SO IF IT DOESN'T COME TODAY I'LL HAVE TO DOUBLE BACK

27,750

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MAKE A 40mi DETOUR TOMORROW. AT LEAST THERE'S A HOSTEL A FEW KM AWAY IN THE DIRECTION THAT THE WIND IS BLOWING.

I DECIDED TO GIVE UP ON THE FERRY & HEAD FOR THE HOSTEL. I CAN ALWAYS CYCLE AROUND THE BAY TOMORROW. IT WAS RATHER DOUBTFUL THAT THE FERRY WOULD SHOW UP & I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO STAY IN WILHELMSHAVEN TONIGHT ANYWAY.

I ALSO THINK I'LL CHANGE MY PLANS & TAKE A MORE DIRECT ROUTE TO AMSTERDAM & JUST CUT MY MILEAGE IF THE WIND KEEPS UP.

(9-8-86)

(85km)

SAME AGAIN: COLD, SHOWERY, WINDY, FLAT & BORING. I WENT TO OLDENBURG IN SEARCH OF SIGHTS TO SEE BUT IT WAS A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT. I COMPENSATED BY GOING STAMP SHOPPING & FOUND A PLACE WITH TERRIBLE PRICES BUT THEY HAD A CATALOG OF BICYCLE STAMPS. THE CATALOG LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED AS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES IT DOESN'T HAVE & IT ONLY GOES TO 1978, BUT IT'S GREAT BECAUSE IT LISTS SEPARATELY BY YEAR & COUNTRY.

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I'M AT THE HOSTEL IN BAD ZWISCHENAHN (IT'S PACKED WITH KIDS, OF COURSE) & I'VE RUN INTO 'B' (BAY) THE DUTCH GENTLEMAN I MET AT VIBORG, DENMARK. I TOLD HIM WE MIGHT CROSS PATHS AGAIN & HE SCOFFED ALMOST TO THE POINT OF BEING RUDE & HERE WE ARE. IT TURNS OUT HE'S A FRIEND OF THE WARDENS & SO WE GOT FREE COFFEE & CAKE THIS AFTERNOON.

THERE'S ALSO AN AMERICAN CYCLIST, ALAN (FROM D.C.) HERE WHO I HADN'T MET EARLIER BUT I REMEMBER SEEING HIM ON THE ROAD AS I WAS HEADING NORTH. IT HAD TO BE HIM - HE'S GOT PURPLE PANNIERS. AS FAR AS I CAN GUESS I MUST HAVE SEEN HIM ABOUT 2-3 WEEKS AGO, BUT I CAN'T PIN IT DOWN. WHEN HE GETS BACK FROM TOWN WE'LL TRY TO FIGURE IT OUT.

(9-9-86)

(70km)

A WHOLE DAY OF CYCLING WITH COMPANY (ALAN FROM D.C.) & AS A CONSEQUENCE MY THROAT'S A BIT SORE NOW. IT TURNS OUT THAT HE USED TO WEIGH 335 LBS & HE SUMMED DOWN & NOW HE'S THINKING OF CYCLING AROUND THE WORLD.

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HE'S ALSO FOUND HIMSELF A SPONSOR, LIFECYCLE, TO PAY HIM \$75 FOR EACH NEWSPAPER ARTICLE HE'S DONE ABOUT HIS TRIP THAT MENTIONS THEIR PRODUCT. I GUESS HE'S HAD ALMOST A DOZEN INTERVIEWS IN TWO MONTHS.

WE'RE AT THE HOSTEL IN WEEVER, SEEM TO BE THE ONLY GUESTS, THOUGH OUR ROOM HAS A RESIDENT LITTLE GREY MOUSE. BUT HE'S QUIET & WELL BEHAVED & WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP OUR FOOD OUT OF REACH EASILY ENOUGH. ONE FOUR LEGGED RODENT BEATS HELL OUT OF DOZENS OF SCREAMING TWO-LEGGED RODENTS THAT INFEST MOST HOSTELS.

9-10-86

90km

A SOMEWHAT DREARY DAY - RAIN OFF & ON ALL DAY & PRETTY COLD & A FEW TOO MANY BUMPY ROADS. ALAN & I PARTED COMPANY AROUND 3:00 PM TODAY & IT'S JUST AS WELL. HE POKED AROUND A LOT & WORRIED A BIT TOO MUCH ABOUT WHETHER WE WERE GOING THE RIGHT WAY & IT WAS WEARING ON ME A LITTLE.

SO I'M AT RODERESCH, HOLLAND AT THE HOSTEL. APPARENTLY A HUGE GROUP HAS RENTED THE PLACE FOR A WHILE & THERE'S ONE ROOM (CO-ED) FOR ANYONE ELSE

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THAT HAPPENS BY. THERE'S ALSO NO BREAKFAST SO THE PRICE IS 10 GUILDERS INSTEAD OF 16.75.

I BOUGHT GUILDERS TODAY AT 2.27 PER DOLLAR OR 44¢ EACH, A BIT STEEP, BUT THINKS ARE PROBABLY NO WORSE THAN IN GERMANY OR AT LEAST I HOPE SO.

9-11-86

145km

NOT A GREAT DAY, THOUGH THE WEATHER WAS FANTASTIC. I'M WRITING THIS ON THE 12TH 'CAUSE THE 11TH WAS A LONG DAY.

LIKE I SAID, NOT A GREAT DAY. I PASSED A LOT OF RUDE LITTLE KIDS EXPOSING THEIR MIDDLE FINGERS TO THE CHILLY MORNING AIR. AND PLENTY OF OLDER FOLKS UNWILLING TO EXCHANGE SMILES, AS IF SOMEHOW THERE'S WAS MORE VALUABLE THAN MINE. NOT MUCH SCENERY & TOO MANY ROUGH BRICK CYCLE PATHS.

I GUESS ALL THAT PREDISPOSED THE EVENING TO BE BAD, BUT I'M NOT TOO SURE. I STOPPED AT THE HOSTEL IN OLDEBROEK TO FIND A ROOM, CAUGHT SOMEONE'S ATTENTION (VISUALLY) & WAITED TO BE HELPED. I WAIT A BIT LONGER. AND LONGER STILL. SHE WAS PLAYING THE STANDARD EUROPEAN GAME: IF YOU WANT HELP YOU HAVE TO ASK & IF YOU ASK IN ENGLISH THEN

28,115

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RUDENESS IS OBLIGATORY SINCE IF THEY GO TO AMERICA NOONE WILL SPEAK DUTCH (OR GERMAN, FRENCH, ETC...). NO BODY EVER REALIZES THAT WHEN THEY GO TO NORTH AMERICA (A CONTINENT) THAT 90% OF THE PEOPLE SPEAK ENGLISH FIRST, A FEW SPEAK SPANISH, FRENCH, OR POSSIBLY SOME OTHER LANGUAGE. BUT IN EUROPE (YET ANOTHER, SMALLER, CONTINENT (OR AT LEAST WESTERN EUROPE)) PROBABLY NO MORE THAN 25% OF THE PEOPLE SPEAK ANY PARTICULAR LANGUAGE FIRST; THE MOST COMMON LANGUAGES ARE IN A FIVE WAY TIE: ENGLISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, SPANISH, ITALIAN.

SO, GOING TO N. AMERICA ENGLISH IS SUFFICIENT; HOPEFULLY IN EUROPE 3 OUT OF 5 IS O.K., BUT NO. YA GOTTA PUNCH THE RIGHT BUTTON OR ALL YA GET IS RUDENESS; SNOTTYNESS.

ANYWAY, I STOPPED AT PUTTEN FOR THE NIGHT. THE HOSTEL WAS FULL SO I GOT TO SLEEP IN A 'CARAVAN' OUTSIDE.

9-12-85

60km

I FREEZE MY ASS OFF AGAIN LAST NIGHT; ~~ABOUT~~ ~~RECOVERING~~ WHILE WAITING TO BE SERVED BREAK-

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FAST I GOT THE FEELING I WAS GETTING THE COLD SHOULDER; I SHOVED OFF WITHOUT IT.

IT TURNED OUT THE WARDEN WAS BUSY GETTING MY BREAKFAST READY; SHE STOPPED ME AS I WAS LEAVING. I WAS TOO PISSED OFF TO STAY, BUT I TRIED TO BE POLITE IN TELLING HER I DIDN'T WANT IT. I DIDN'T WANT TO BANG ELBOWS WITH A BUNCH OF SMART-ASSED BRATS ANYWAY.

I BLASTED INTO AMSTERDAM EARLY. I HOOKED UP WITH FOUR LADY RACERS AT BLARICUM; WE DRAFTED EACH OTHER INTO TOWN.

BEN HAD TO GO TO A WEDDING THIS EVENING SO I JUST GOT CAUGHT UP ON LAUNDRY, ETC... UNTIL HE GOT BACK AT 9:30. THEN WE TOOK A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE VIA A SLIDE SHOW OF HIS '84 CYCLING TRIP. IT WAS A BLAST SEEING PICTURES OF FOLKS I MET TWO YEARS AGO; SHARING REMINISCENCES.

9-13-86

No km

A GREAT DAY. FRIENDS ARE WONDERFUL MEDICINE. THE PANACEA FOR BAD ATTITUDES;

28.11.5

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FEELING DREADED.

BEN & MEL & I SPENT THE AFTERNOON WATCHING THE AMERSFORD MARATHON WHICH TWO OF HIS FRIENDS WERE COMPETING IN (I DIDN'T CATCH THEIR NAMES). IT WAS THEIR FIRST MARATHON & THE LADY (THE OTHER PERSON WAS MALE) GOT A 1ST PLACE TROPHY FOR THE BEST FINISHING TIME FOR SENIOR DIVISION WOMEN & NEEDLESS TO SAY SHE WAS THRILLED TO DEATH.

LATER BEN & I WENT OUT TO EAT AT A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT THAT WAS GREAT. I HAD A QUICHE & MINESTRONE SOUP - FANTASTIC STUFF!

WE^{WENT} TO AMERICAN AFTERWARDS FOR COFFEE - FANCY PLACE, GREAT INTERIOR - & OUR PLANS FOR CRUISING AROUND THE CITY WERE SCUTTLED BY RAIN, SO WE WENT BACK TO THE APT. FOR ANOTHER SLIDE SHOW, THIS TIME AUSTRALIA. IT GOT ME PSYCHED TO WANT TO SAVE MORE MONEY & PRESS ON AGAIN AFTER A LONG REST IN THE STATES RATHER THAN SETTLING DOWN. TIME WILL TELL WHAT HAPPENS AS I'D DEFINITELY LIKE TO ATTEMPT THE NEXT TRIP WITH A TRAVELLING COMPANION.

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AFTERWARDS WE GOT TO TALKING & I MENTIONED MY EAGERNESS TO GET SOME ART TRAINING & HE BROUGHT OUT HIS SKETCHBOOKS. ALL I CAN SAY IS BEN IS VERY TALENTED & THAT I'VE GOT TO GET SOME TRAINING. IT WAS VERY INSPIRATIONAL & I'M OVERFLOWING WITH IDEAS & ENTHUSIASM AS IT IS. (AS I'M WRITING THIS I CAN'T HELP THINKING I SHOULD MARK THIS PAGE SOMEHOW TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE I FOLLOW THRU ON THIS ONCE I GET BACK TO FLORIDA).

EW & I ALSO TALKED QUITE A WHILE ABOUT THE SYSTEM AT THE SCHOOL WHERE HE WORKS. IT IS TOO SANE! EVERYBODY SHOULD BE TAUGHT THIS WAY, AT LEAST FROM PUBERTY ON. THEY HAVE TWO ACADEMIC SUBJECTS, TWO HOURS EACH, IN THE MORNING. THE CLASSES LAST FOUR WEEKS (6 DAYS/WK). THE SCHEDULE IS VARIABLE IN THE AFTERNOON, BUT CONSISTS OF 2-4 HOURS OF ART, P.E., ETC... ON MON.-THURS. ISN'T THAT GREAT? LEARN IN THE A.M. WHEN YOU'RE FRESH & PLAY & UNWIND IN THE P.M. BEFORE GOING HOME. ONLY TWO CLASSES TO STUDY FOR, SO LOTS OF TIME FOR HOMEWORK & IT'S MORE LIKELY THEY GET HOMEWORK

(28,115)

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SINCE THE TEACHERS AREN'T CONCERNED ABOUT OVERLOADING 'EM LIKE THEY MIGHT IF THEY'RE TAKING 5 OR 6 SUBJECTS AT A TIME.

(9-14-86)

(No km's)

BEN & I DROVE UP TO MARKEN THIS A.M. TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND. WE VISITED THERE THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE. BUT I DIDN'T GET ALL THE PICTURES I WANTED SO WE RETURNED. IN FACT SAW MUCH MORE OF THE TOWN THAN WE THOUGHT WE COULD AS IT'S LARGER THAN IT SEEMS.

BEN GAVE ME HIS MUSEUM PASS. I SPENT THE AFTERNOON AT THE VAN GOGH & RIJKSMUSEUMS. THEY AREN'T THINGS I HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN BUT FOR FREE THEY WERE GREAT.

AFTER THAT I WALKED AROUND THE CITY LOOKING AT GRAFFITI - NOW THAT WAS GREAT! I FOUND ONE PLAYGROUND LOADED WITH STUFF. ALSO FOUND A FEW MURALS PAINTED ON THE SIDES OF BUILDINGS.

ONCE I GOT BACK BEN COOKED DINNER. THEN WE WENT TO HAARLEM TO LOOK AT THE DUNES & VISIT HIS FOLKS. THEY'RE GREAT FOLKS & HIS MOTHER EVEN GAVE US BOTH A MARS BAR & SOME MENTOS

(28,115)

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'FOR THE ROAD'.

WE GOT BACK LATE. I WAS DONE IN. I ONLY SLEPT ABOUT 4 HOURS LAST NIGHT 'CAUSE I WAS HAPPY & EXCITED & HAD TOO MANY THINGS ON MY MIND. I'LL SLEEP FOR SURE TONIGHT.

(9-16-86)

(No km's)

I DIDN'T DO MUCH YESTERDAY AS IT STARTED RAINING. NOT LONG AFTER I LEFT THE APARTMENT & A LOT OF THINGS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY. I DID CHECK ON PLANE FLIGHTS. FOUND THAT IT MAY BE QUITE A BIT CHEAPER TO FLY TO SAY BOSTON. EITHER TAKE THE TRAIN DOWN OR FIND A DRIVE-AWAY CAR FROM THERE TO TAMPA OR SOMEWHERE NEARBY.

GEORGE BURTON IS ALSO CHECKING ON FLIGHTS FROM LONDON. WHILE IT'S UNDOUBTEDLY CHEAPER I'LL HAVE TO WEIGH THE SAVINGS AGAINST THE COST OF GETTING THERE WHICH INCLUDES A \$30 FERRY RIDE.

I HAVEN'T DONE A LOT TODAY. EITHER, JUST VISITED THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM & BOUGHT MORE STAMPS. THAT SHOULD FINISH MY STAMP BUYING FOR NOW AS I'M LIMITED TO A FIXED AMOUNT OF MONEY UNTIL I CAN GET ACCESS TO MY BANK ACCT. GI

28,180

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DON'T HAVE ANY CHECKS (HATE TO BORROW).

ONE PROBLEM I MAY HAVE IN GETTING A DRIVE-AWAY CAR IS THAT I CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE SINCE MINE WAS STOLEN THREE MONTHS AGO, BUT IF NOBODY ASKS FOR IT I WON'T LET IT STOP ME. IT'D BE GREAT TO GO THAT WAY AS I COULD LOOK ~~ON~~ IN ON SOME FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY. DOING THAT BY TRAIN IS PRETTY DIFFICULT. IT MAY EVEN BE CHEAPER AS A UNLIMITED 30-DAY TICKET w/ 5 (I THINK) STOPS ON AMTRAK IS ABOUT \$150. IF GAS IS STILL CHEAP, I TAKE A FAIRLY DIRECT ROUTE IT SHOULD AT LEAST BE AS CHEAP, BUT I CAN ALSO SAVE ON ACCOMMODATION BY DROPPIN' IN ON PEOPLE HERE & THERE.

BEN WAS BUSY LAST NIGHT SO I WENT TO SEE 'THE COLOR PURPLE' TO GET OUT OF THE WAY. TONITE WE'LL PROBABLY GO OUT FOR PIZZA DOWN THE STREET.

9-18-86

2Km

65Km

I HAD PLANNED ON GOING TO THE FLOWER AUCTIONS IN AALSMER ^{YESTERDAY} BUT BEN ONLY LEFT ONE OF THE TWO KEYS THAT I NEEDED TO GET AT MY BIKE. SO I CHECKED ON MORE PLANE FARES & VISITED THE

28,180

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MARITIME MUSEUM INSTEAD. I ALSO RAN INTO AN OPEN-AIR STAMP & COIN MARKET (A GENUINE SURPRISE) & BOUGHT A FEW MORE STAMPS.

BEN HAD A DATE SO I WENT TO THE MOVIES & SAW POLTERGEIST II (DUMBS). THE DUTCH CINEMAS ARE LIKE THE ONES IN THE STATES WERE 20 YEARS AGO: HUGE ~~AND~~ AUDITORIUMS, INTERMISSIONS, SOMETIMES ASSIGNED SEATS. THEY ALSO HAVE VARIED PRICES RANGING FROM 9,- TO 12,50 GUILDERS.

I HAD PLANNED ON MAKING ^{SURE} TO SEE THE FLOWER AUCTIONS TODAY ALSO, BUT WAS JUST A BIT LATE. I DID GET TO SEE THE PLACE, BUT IT WAS ALMOST EMPTY. I WAS LATE DUE TO HAVING TO WAIT 'TIL 9:45 FOR ~~FOR~~ A CHANCE TO PURCHASE MY PLANE TICKET & HAVING A NAIL GO THROUGH MY REAR TIRE ONCE I DID GET GOING.

I'LL FLY HOME ON MARTIN AIR TO N.Y. ON MONDAY AT 12:30 PM & ARRIVE AT 14:30 PM. THE COST \$444 (\$204) + TAX OF \$27 (\$1250) & THE BIKE WILL COST \$25 (\$1150) FOR A BOX & MAYBE (I HOPE NOT) \$75 (\$35) IF THEY DON'T ALLOW IT AS BAGGAGE. IF THEY DO ALLOW IT, IT'S FREE.

(28,180)

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From THERE I'll TAKE AMTRAK TO FLORIDA
(HOPEFULLY TAMPA, POSSIBLY ORLANDO OR MIAMI)

I WILL TRY TO TAKE NIGHT TRAINS TO ALLOW STOPS
IN BALTIMORE & SAVANNAH TO BREAK THE
MONOTONY. IT SHOULD COST \$80 & I'm HOPE
I CAN SEND MY BIKE AHEAD AS EXCESS BAGGAGE
& JUST CARRY A SMALL KNAPSACK WITH ME.

I HAD HOPED TO GO BY BUS BECAUSE I CAN
GET A FIVE DAY PASS ON TRAILWAYS FOR \$50(!) BUT
MY BIKE IS TOO LARGE TO COMPLY WITH THEIR BAGGAGE
RESTRICTIONS & I'D BET SHIPPING IT TO TAMPA FROM
N.Y. WOULD COST MORE THAN \$30.

I'm AT THE HOSTEL AT EGMOND-BINNEN TONIGHT.
I'll GO TO ALKMAAR TOMORROW TO SEE THE CHEESE
& FISH MARKETS & THEN BACK TO BEN'S.

I STOPPED AT 'GRUQUINS EXPO' TODAY. & IT'S A
MUSEUM HOUSED IN ONE OF THE STEAM POWERED
PUMPING STATIONS USED TO DRAIN THE HAARLEMMEER ^(HAARLEM LAKE) IN
THE MID-19TH CENTURY. VERY INTERESTING & VERY HELPFUL
& COURTEOUS STAFF. I GOT THE IMPRESSION IT WAS
OFF THE MAIN TOURIST ROUTE.

DEPENDS ON HOW YOU FIGURE IT, I MAY OR

(28,280)

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MAY NOT HAVE PASSED THE 17,500 mi. MARK
TODAY. $17,500 \times 16.1 = 28,175 \text{ km}$, BUT $28,180 \times$
 $6.2 = \text{ONLY } 17,470 \text{ mi.}$ I'D GUESS THAT 28,200
IS ALMOST EXACTLY 17,500 mi & I'LL DO THOSE
20 km + ON MY WAY BACK TO AMSTERDAM TO-
MORROW.

(9-20-86)

(55 km) (45 km)

MY LUCK WAS A BIT OFF AGAIN. THE LAST CHEESE
MARKET IN ALKMAAR WAS LAST WEEKEND. BUT
IT'S AN INTERESTING TOWN ALL THE SAME SO I
LOOKED AROUND A BIT & ALSO VISITED THE
CHEESE MUSEUM.

I TOOK MY TIME GETTING BACK TO AMSTER-
DAM & ENJOYED THE MILLS & PASTURES & JUST
RELAXED, BUT ONCE I GOT BACK I HAD TO
RUSH TO BOOK MY AMTRAK TICKET, BUY MY RAKE
TICKET (PAY THE BALANCE), & CHANGE MORE MONEY.

BEN & I WENT OUT TO THEATER CARRE LAST
NIGHT TO SEE HERMAN VAN VEEEN, A DUTCH COM-
EDIAN. ALMOST EVERYTHING WAS IN DUTCH, SO I
DIDN'T UNDERSTAND MUCH, BUT THERE WERE
QUITE A FEW SIGHT GAGS, SO IT WAS ENTER-

28,295

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TAINING ENOUGH.

THIS MORNING I HAD TO CLIMB ON THE BIKE + RUSH TO BUSSUM TO PICK-UP MY AMTRAK TICKET. IT WAS \$94.50 TO TAMPA + OF COURSE I HAD TO PAY IN GUILDERS. AT FIRST I THOUGHT THE EXCHANGE WAS GREAT AT 2.33 ~~BEFORE~~ (I'D BEEN GETTING 2.24), BUT THEN I REALIZED THAT MEANT IT COST ME MORE THAT WAY + THE TICKET IN FACT COST ABOUT \$98.25.

I ALSO GOT MY GIFT SHOPPING DONE. IF I HAVE EXTRA GUILDERS AT THE AIRPORT I MAY GET SOME MORE GOODIES, BUT AT LEAST I GOT THE MOST IMPORTANT STUFF DONE.

TONIGHT TWO OF BEN'S FRIENDS, ELLEN + JOSÉ (YOSÉ) (FROM UTRECHT) ARE VISITING. HE MET THEM LAST YEAR CYCLING IN SWEDEN + WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT BEN'S SLIDES OF TEXAS, JOSÉ'S SLIDES OF BRAZIL, + ELLEN'S PICTURES OF FRANCE + HOLLAND.

9-21-86

(15km)

BEN + MEL + I SPENT THE DAY IN HAPPELEM. THEY

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WERE RUNNING A HALF MARATHON + MY BIKE + I WENT ALONG FOR THE RIDE. AFTER THEY STARTED I RODE UP TO 't Kopje, THE HIGHEST PT. IN THE NETHERLANDS + TOOK SOME PICTURES OF THE SURROUNDING DUNES. THEN I RACED TO THE 2/3'S-WAY MARK + WAITED TO TAKE PICTURES OF BEN + MEL AS THEY PASSED BY. THEY FINISHED AROUND 1 HR 32 MINS (+).

TONIGHT BEN'S FRIEND, STELLA, IS COOKING US DINNER, + THEN HOPEFULLY ~~WE~~ GET TO SLEEP EARLY TO GET AN EARLY START TOMORROW FOR THE RIDE TO SCHIPHOL AIRPORT.

9-22-86

(15km)

I LEFT BEN'S AT TEN 'TIL EIGHT, WHEN HE WAS LEAVING FOR WORK. I TOOK SOME LAST MINUTE PHOTOS + THEN HEADED FOR SCHIPHOL AIRPORT. THAT TOOK ABOUT 2 HOURS + WAS UNDOUBTEDLY MORE THAN 15 KM, BUT SINCE I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR IT REALLY WAS I'D RATHER UNDERESTIMATE. MY TOTAL MILEAGE (ADJUSTED FOR KM → MILES CONVERSION ERRORS) IS 17,540 MILES.

I MAY HAVE SCREWED UP BEFORE BOARDING

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BUT I DON'T THINK SO. A DUTCH COUPLE ASKED ME TO BUY SOME VIDEO CASSETTES FOR THEM AS THEY COULDN'T BUY THEM SINCE THEY WERE DUTCH. MY BOARDING PASS WAS NOTED WITH THE PURCHASE SO I'LL HAVE TO CLAIM THEM AT CUSTOMS (NO BIG DEAL, I'M WAY UNDER MY \$400 ALLOWANCE). HOPEFULLY IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

I LOOKED OUT BY NOT HAVING TO PAY 75 GULDERS TO BRING MY BIKE ALONG. THE ~~COUPLE~~ ^{LADY} COULDN'T SEE WHY I SHOULD PAY SINCE IT WAS MY ONLY BAGGAGE WHICH ECHOES MY FEELINGS ON THE SUBJECT. ~~THEY~~ THEY ALSO DIDN'T CHECK TO SEE IF IT WAS UNDER THE 30kg LIMIT, THOUGH I'M SURE IT WAS.

I MADE IT! I LANDED AT JFK AT 2:00PM. NOW I'M AT ^{ILL} PARS STATION WAITING FOR A TRAIN TO DC - WHERE I'LL HOPEFULLY FIND A BED AT THE HOSTEL.

GETTING FROM JFK TO DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN COST \$8 BY BUS, IT TOOK A WHILE TO GET A BUS - NOBODY WANTED MY BIKE. FROM GRAND CENTRAL STATION IT COST \$10 TO GO TEN BLOCKS BY

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GIRSY CAB. IT WAS INTERESTING RIDE - THE 'TAXI' - AN OLD DODGE VAN^{THAT} HAD BEEN EXTENSIVELY VANDALIZED (MISSING WINDOWS, SLIDING DOOR ROLLER, WINDSHIELD WIPERS, REAR BENCH, ETC...) - WAS PILOTED BY A 'TYPICAL' HOSSLER. HE PUT ON QUITE A SHOW, SOLICITING RIDES, VIOLATING TRAFFIC LAWS BY THE SCORE, USING A TOY HAMMER AS A HORSE - IT MADE A SQUEAKING NOISE WHEN HE BANGED IT ON THE ROOF. HE ALSO HAD A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SHORTLY BEFORE WE MADE THE STATION - HIT SOME LADIES SILVER FORD STATION WAGON. ~~THE~~ ^{THAT} CAUSED ME TO MISS MY TRAIN AT 6:30PM. I'LL HAVE TO CATCH THE 8:15 IN JUST A FEW MINUTES. I JUST HOPE I CAN GET INTO THE HOSTEL THIS LATE. THE TRAIN PROBABLY WON'T REACH D.C. 'TIL 11:30PM.

9-23-86

No Kms

I MADE IT TO THE HOSTEL AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT, ONLY TO FIND IT HAD BEEN TORN DOWN. THAT IT WAS REPLACED WITH A TINY HOSTEL OF PORTABLE BUILDINGS. THEY WERE BOOKED FOR THE NEXT THREE NIGHTS. FROM THERE I TRIED A COUPLE OF THE HOTELS THEY RECOMMENDED. WHEN THEY WERE ALSO FULL I TRIED SLEEPING ON A BENCH IN THE

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COURTYARD OF A CHURCH NEAR GEORGETOWN U. I GUESS I NOW CLASSIFY AS A 'BAGMAN'. AT LEAST I MANAGED TO GET A BIT OF SLEEP.

I GOT UP STARTED WANDERING AROUND AGAIN AT 5AM. CALLED ALEA AT 6AM. WELL MEET AT WINTER PARK AT 8:45AM TOMORROW. THAT WAY I CAN GET CLEANED UP. WE CAN SPEND THE DAY TOGETHER BEFORE WE PICK UP MY BIKE - SOMETIME AFTER 3:30PM.

SINCE MY TRAIN DOESN'T LEAVE 'TIL 3:55PM TODAY I'VE BEEN DOING SOME SIGHTSEEING - JUST THE USUAL STUFF PLUS A TOUR THROUGH THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING & PRINTING. NEXT I'LL THINK I GO TO THE AIR & SPACE MUSEUM. POSSIBLY TAKE IN AN IMAX FILM.

9-24-86

NO KM'S

I CAUGHT THE 3:55pm TO SOUTH & FELL ASLEEP AN HOUR LATER UNTIL ABOUT 5AM. I GOT OFF AT WINTER PARK AS PLANNED & WAS ABOUT 45 MINS. LATE. SUPPOSEDLY THAT WAS DUE TO BEING BEHIND A SLOWER TRAIN OR SOMETHING.

ALEA WAS WAITING FOR ME. WE WENT TO JOE'S PLACE TO SHOWER & WASH CLOTHES. PICKED UP THE BIKE AT TAMPA AT 3:15PM. THE END

Film RECORD 9/21/86

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| 1. | | 23. |
| 2. | BENS & MEL | 24. |
| 3. | HAARLEM | 25. |
| 4. | 1/2 MARATHON | 26. |
| 5. | | 27. |
| 6. | | 28. |
| 7. | | 29. |
| 8. | | 30. |
| 9. | | 31. |
| 10. | | 32. |
| 11. | VARIOUS SHOTS | 33. |
| 12. | OF AMSTERDAM - | 34. |
| 13. | STREET MURALS | 35. |
| 14. | BIKES, BEN, ETC... | 36. |
| 15. | | |
| 16. | | |
| 17. | | |
| 18. | DAM SQUARE | |
| 19. | AMSTERDAM | |
| 20. | ME | |
| 21. | BIKE SIGNS | |
| 22. | | |

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N.Y.
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D.C.

Film Record 9/16/86

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4. TRAMS, GRAPHTTS
5. BIKES, ETC...
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8. BIKE
9. CANAL

AMSTERDAM

10. MAP OF RE-CLAIMED LAND
11. STEAM ENGINE
12. VIEW FROM OUTSIDE

CRUISES
EXRS

- 13.
14. DUNES
15. BEACH NEAR
16. EGMOND-
17. BINNEN

18. WEIGH-
19. HOUSE
20. BICYCLE
- 21.

ALKMAAR

22. COWS/NEAR ALKMAAR

23. BICYCLE SHOP/ALKMAAR

24. TRAM/AMSTERDAM

25. CITADEL AT NAARDEEN

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28. VARIOUS SHOTS OF

29. HAARLEM, THE 1/2

30. MARATHON, BENJ' MEL,

31. 't KOPSE, VIEWS

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Film Record 9/5/86

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| 1. KLOSTERHOF/ITZHOE | 9. | MARKEN |
| 2. DIKE, SHEEP LIGHTHOUSE/
MODEL LIGHTHOUSE | 20. | |
| 3. LEIJNER MOOR
DIKE GATE & FERRY CROSSING AT | 21. | |
| 4. AMDOEF W/ ALAN STILLMAN | 22. | |
| 5. ALAN & KITTEN/WINSCHOTEN | 23. | |
| 6. WINDMILL/ZUIDLAREN | 24. | RIJKSMUSEUM |
| 7. BARN/VRIES | 25. | MURAL ON KORTE |
| 8. ROAD NEAR DONDEREN | 26. | LEIDSEWARSTR, GRAF- |
| 9. CANAL NEAR WASKEMEER
KLEIN MADRODAM | 27. | FIT AT WETPLANTSSTR |
| 10. NEAR DONKERBOEK | 28. | PLAYGROUND, RIJKS- |
| 11. IJsselmeiden (VIEW) | 29. | MUSEUM, SCULPTURE |
| 12. SETTING SUN | 30. | ALONG AMSTEL R. |
| 13. NEAR PUTTEN | 31. | AMSTERDAM |
| 14. BEN'S FRIENDS AT | 32. | |
| 15. AMERSFOORT MARATHON | 33. | |
| 16. (EDWARD, YVONNE) | 34. | |
| 17. MARKEN | 35. | |
| 18. | 36. | |
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Film Record 8/28/86

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| 1. KRONBERG CASTLE | 19. | VIEW NEAR
VAN GSA |
| 2. FARM BUILDING | 20. | |
| 3. WINDMILL | 21. | BOATS
BEACH AT
NORRE
VORUPØR |
| 4. HUNDESTED | 22. | |
| 5. OVERBY CHURCH | 23. | |
| 6. ELECTRICITY GENERATING
WINDMILLS AT | 24. | |
| 7. EBELTOFT | 25. | VIEW/ SR. VORUPØR |
| 8. RÅDHUS | 26. | DUNES NEAR STRANDGÅRDEN |
| 9. STREET | 27. | DUNES/HVIDE SANDE |
| 10. RÅDHUS/SUNSET | 28. | FISHING HUTS/HVIDE SANDE |
| 11. STREET | 29. | ABELINESGÅRD |
| 12. HARBOR/
SUNSET | 30. | VIEW NEAR NYMINDEGÅB |
| 13. PASTURE; KALØ BAY | 31. | RIBE |
| 14. COTTAGE/SVINDING | 32. | WATERFRONT |
| 15. SALLINGSØD; GUNGØRE | 33. | OLD BRIDGE NEAR GERMAN
BORDER |
| 16. HEATHER NEAR KLITMØLE | 34. | GLÜCKSBURG, SCHLOSS |
| | 35. | THATCHED HOUSE/ SATRUP |
| | 36. | RENSBURGER BAHNBRÜCKE
(CABLE FERRY
RENSBURG) |

Film Record 8/1/86

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| 1. MIKE JR, ILONA, MIKE, & ME | 19. TRAVEMÜNDE |
| 2. VIEW FROM BINGEN | 20. STOCK EXCHANGE |
| 3. DOM / LIMBURG | 21. NYHAVN |
| 4. DOM & LAHR R. / LIMBURG | 22. FOUNTAIN |
| 5. SCHLOSS / RUNKEL | 23. MERMAID |
| 6. SCHLOSS / WEILBURG | 24. FOUNTAIN |
| 7. SCHLOSS / BRANFELS | 25. TIVOLI |
| 8. SCHLOSS / MARBURG | 26. TUBORG BEER BOTTLE |
| 9. BAD KARLSHAFEN HARBOR | 27. CARLSBERG ELEPHANT GATE |
| 10. VIEW ABOVE RÖLLE | 28. TIVOLI |
| 11. " | 29. ALEX JAMES & I IN FRONT OF COPENHAGEN HOSTEL |
| 12. HAMLEN MUSEUM | 30. MALMÖHUS |
| 13. MARKTHALLE / DORFMARK | 31. BANERKATEN |
| 14. WINDMILL NEAR SALZHAUSEN | 32. CHURCH / OUTSKIRTS OF MALMÖ |
| 15. } SCHIFFSHEBEWERK | 33. } TORUP |
| 16. } NEAR | 34. } CASTLE |
| 17. } SCHARNEBECK | 35. VIEW NEAR KÄLLINGE |
| HOLSTEN TOR w/ ST. MARIE'S | |
| 18. ST. PETERI CHURCHES IN BACKGROUND / LÜBECK | 36. WINDMILL NEAR LANDSKRONA |
| | 37. HELSINGBORG CASTLE |
| | 38. HELSINGBORG HARBOR |

KARLSHAFEN

Malmö

Film Record 8/6/86

1. VIEWS OF: FROM ALTDAMME
2. GRAFENSDAMM, TANNSTEIN 20.
3. WORMS AT SUNSET (GATE) 21.
4. WORMS AT SUNSET (SKY LINE) 22.
5. SPIDERWEB IN SPOKES / WORMS 23.
6. VIEW OF WORMS 24.
7. 25.
8. 26.
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Film Record 7/29/86

1. HOHENSCHANGAU, W. GERM.
2. NEUSCHANSTEIN
3. IN MARKTOBERDORF
4. WASSERTÜRME } AUGSBURG
5. FUGGEREI } AUGSBURG
6. VIEW NEAR GANSHEIM
SOUTH CITY TOWER
7. MONHEIM
8. ELLINGEN TOWER/WEISENBERG
9. BEAUTIFUL FOUNTAIN
HAUPTMARKT
10. HEILIG-GEIST-SPITAL
(ALMSHOUSE)
11. EHEBRUNNEN } NÜRNBERG
12. FOUNTAIN } NÜRNBERG
13. " } NÜRNBERG
STATUE TAKEN FROM AN
14. ALBRECHT DÜRER STORY
STATUE ON BUILDING NEAR
15. A. DÜRER'S HOUSE (GARDEN)
VIEW OF CITY RAMPARTS
16. SINWELL TOWER
17. KÄISERBURG, SINWELL
TOWER
18. VIEW OF WEINSTADEL
WINE DEPOT
19. EHEBRUNNEN FTN./NÜRNBERG
20. MARIENBURG } WÜRZBURG
21. CRANENHOF } WÜRZBURG
22. PATHAUSS/MICHELSTADT
23. SCHLOSS/ERBACH
24. STADT KIRCHE/ERBACH
25. MÜMLINGQUELLE/BEERFELDEN
26. ALTE BRÜCKE/BRIDGEGATE
27. OLD HEIDELBERG
BRIDGE TO SCHLOSS
28. TOWER RUIN/SCHLOSS
29. GARDEN
SCHLOSS
30. " } HEIDELBERG
31. COURTYARD/SCHLOSS
32. SCHLOSS FROM MARKT PLATZ
33. KARLSRUHE PALACE w/
RICHARD GIBBONS
34. GATEWAY } SCHWEIGEN
35. WINE PRESS } SCHWEIGEN
36. VIEWS OF / FROM ALTDACH,
GRAFENDACHN, TANNSTEIN

Film Record 7/25/86

1. ASCENDING FORCA PASS 19.
2. " 20.
3. TOP OF FORCA PASS - WEST 21. VARIOUS VIEWS OF ANITA
4. " - EAST 22. MATTHEW, VORDERREIN VALLEY,
5. CHURCH/HOSPITAL 23. RHEIN GORGE, A BARN IN
6. SWISS/GOLDIERS ON 24. VALENTAS, CYCLING ON DIRT
7. BICYCLE/ANDERMATT
8. CHALET/ANDERMATT 25. ROAD NEAR ILANZ
9. INTERIOR OF SAME 26.
10. " 27. INTERESTING BUILDINGS
11. GATE OF SAME 28. IN
12. OLD BIKE/ANDERMATT 29. MAIENFELD, SWITZ.
13. MUFFED SHOT - COCCO
14. RAILROAD TRACK 30. SCHLOß VAUDZ, LIECHTENSTEIN
15. RELIGIOUS SHRINE- (AUSTRIA)
16. OBERALPPASS 31. VIEW FROM BÖDELE (1148m)
17. ANITA + MATTHEW 32. VIEW NEAR REHMEN
18. NEAR DESENTS-MÜSTER 33. WATER FOUNTAIN NEAR SCHOPFENAU
34. VIEW OF SCHROCKEN
VIEW ASCENDING
35. HOCHTANNBERG PASS (1675m)
36. VIEW FROM TOP OF SAME
37. LECHTAL NEAR STEEG, AUSTRIA
38. GORGE AT FOOT OF LECHFALL,

DOMINIK NEUBURGER (PETER)

W. GERMANY

GRABENWIESE BB

LEONHARDSTR. 53/1/2.

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Film Record 7/22/86

1. } NO GOOD
2. }
3. FOUNTAIN & CLOCK TOWER
4. CLOCK TOWER
5. FOUNTAIN & CLOCK TOWER
6. FOUNTAIN
7. }
8. } BEAR PITS
9. }
10. View From PARLI-AMENST TERRACE
11. VIEW
12. TANK TRAPS
13. ROADSIDE SHRINE
14. VIEW
15. Cow & Bear
16. VIEW COMING DOWN
17. VIEW ACROSS LUNGERSEE
18. VIEW FROM BRUNIGPASS

BERN

ASCENDING
GLAUBENBUCHEN
PASS (1600m)

19. VIEW DESCENDING BRUNIGPASS RIVER ABOVE & MOUNTAINS
20. FROM INNERKIRCHEN INNERKIRCHEN VALLEY
21. ? LIGHT FOL
22. CHALET AT INNERKIRCHEN VIEW ASCENDING
23. GRIMSEL PASS
24. ABOVE RIVER
25. } VIEWS OF GRIMSEELSEE
26. } ASCENDING PASS
27. VIEW FROM GRIMSELPASS
28. } VARIOUS VIEWS
29. } DESCENDING GRIMSEL
30. } PASS & ASCENDING
31. } FORKA PASS: RHONE
32. } RIVER, RHONE GLACIER,
33. } SWISS POST COACHES
34. }
35. }
36. }

FARTHEST PTS IN EUROPE

N. - KLITTMØLLE, DENMARK E. - BARA, SWEDEN
S. - EUROPA PT. W. - LISBON, PORTUGAL

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766 } BERN, SWITZERLAND 7-22-86
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768 }
769 MARKTOBERDORF, GERMANY 7-29-86
770 HEIDELBERG, GERMANY 8-4-86
771 }
772 } BAD KREUZNACH 8-8-86
773 }
774 } AMSTERDAM 9-15-86

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775 AMSTERDAM 9-15-86
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777 } AMSTERDAM 9-19-86
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780 CASTRICUM, HOLLAND 9/18/86
6029-487- 884 } ESBJERG, DENMARK 9/3/86
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CORRESPONDENCE

ALEA (7/15, LX6), 7/17(L), 7/20(P), 7/27(P), 7/29(L), 7/31(P), 9/1(L)
 (8/8(LX5)), 8/11(L), (8/16(L)), 8/18(L), 8/20(L), 8/27(PKX2), 9/2(L)
 LEAH (7/15(L)), 7/16(P), 8/26(P), 9/2(L) (9/12(L)), 9/13(P)
 MIKE + ILONA (1/15(P)), 7/12(L), 7/21(L)
 LISA (1/15(L)), 7/15(L), 9/5(L), (9/12(L)), 9/17(P)
 MOM 4/18(P), 6/30(PK6), 7/15(J), (8/8(LX3)), 8/14(L) (9/12(L))
 9/14(P)
 THE BURTONS 7/6(P), 8/16(P), 10/1(P)
 MERRILL 4/4(P), 8/29(P)
 TED 2/22(L)
 CHERYL 4/30(L)
 LESTER 5/20(P), 7/18(P)
 MAUREEN 3/23(P)
 KATHY H. 4/2(P)
 DON VOGEL 6/12(P)
 MIKE K. 4/21(P), (8/8(L)), 8/14(P)
 KEVIN P. 3/24(P), 8/29(P)
 DONNA 6/19(P), (8/8(L)), 8/10(P), 9/15(P)
 BEN 6/15(P), (8/14(L))
 P.J. 4/3(P), 7/19(P)
 BRIAN H. 4/3(P)
 GRANDMA 4/10(P), 7/19(P)
 " AMOS 5/20(P)
 B.D. + C 9/13(PK)

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 PAULA 5/4(P), 7/25(P) STAN T 7/6(P)
 RANDY 4/28(P) PABLO
 * VMC 6/15(P), 7/18(P), 9/4(P) 9/19(P) GUYS FROM N.Z. 7/11(P)
 ERN 5/3(P), 7/25(P) JIM BUSSE 8/17(P)
 GOMER 4/6(P), 9/17(P) PHILIP
 ROGER N. 4/6(P) DICK + SANDY 8/21(P)
 DOUG + JENNY 5/25(P), 8/29(P) (8/16(P)) A/16(P)
 MIKE BURKE 4/6(P), (8/8(PK2)) YOSHIDA 10/1(P)
 SAM BELL 4/6(P), (8/8(P)), 8/10(P) CHRIS M. + MARCO F. 8/26(P)
 DENNIS + AARON 6/6(P) MARY W. 7/11(P), (8/8(P)), 8/11(P)
 BILL G. 6/20(P), 8/29(P) LORI N. 8/29(P)
 * SYLVIE 6/3(P), 9/7(P) ANN S. 8/16(P)
 TRAVIS 5/24(L), 7/17(P) GENES 7/6(P), (8/8(L)), 8/14(P)
 BOB LARSON 4/21(P) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 BILL + CLETHA 6/12(P), 7/19(P) TINSLEYS 4/21(P)
 PRYMS 4/21(P) SCHORRS 6/29(P)
 DIANE 4/12(P), 8/26(P) MIKE W.
 S. SELKE 6/12(P) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 ANNE PIT 6/6(P), 7/17(P), 8/26(P) STEPHANIE 7/25(P)
 RON + LARI 6/15(P) * ANITA + MATTHEW 9/7(P)
 DICK + BEN 4/18(P) RICHARD G.
 BUD + KATHY (8/8(PK)), 8/14(P)

WORN OUT TIRES

8. PONTAUMUR, FRANCE
9. BAD KREUZNACH, W. GERM.
10. BARA, SWEDEN
11. LEER, W. GERM

BROKEN SPOKES

5.

FLAT TIRES

18. LA CLUSE, FRANCE (F)
19. FOREL, SWITZERLAND (R)
20. KRIEGSHEIM, FRANCE (F)
21. EIMBECKHAUSEN, W. GERM (F)
22. BARA SWEDEN (F)
23. VILSUND, DENMARK (R)
24. AMDOERF, W. GERM (R)
25. AMSTERDAM, NDL (R)
26. AMSTERDAM, NDL (F)

FERRIES TAKEN

35. BINGEN-RÜDESHEIM, FRG.
36. TRAVEMÜNDE, W. GERM -
GEOESER, DENMARK
37. COPENHAGEN - MALMÖ
38. HELSINGBORG - HELSINKI
39. HUNDESTED - RØRUVIG, DK
40. ODDEN - EBELTOFT, DK
41. RENDSBURG, GERMANY

COUNTRIES VISITED

12. SWITZERLAND
13. LIECHTENSTEIN
14. AUSTRIA
15. DENMARK
16. SWEDEN

MORE FERRIES

42. GLÜCKSTADT-WISCHAFEN, W. GERM
43. BREMERHAVEN -
NORDERHAM, W. GERM.
44. GENEMUIDEN, NETHERLANDS
45. EENDIJK, NETHERLANDS

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54. MADNESS & CIVILIZATION
55. MAO TSE-TUNG: AN ANTHOLOGY OF HIS WRITINGS
56. WATERSHIP DOWN
57. RAISE HIGH THE ROOF BEAM, CARPENTERS
SEYMOUR: AN INTRODUCTION
58. BRAVE NEW WORLD

STILL MORE FERRIES

46. ISMUIDEN - VELSEN NOORD, NETHERLANDS
47. ILPENDAM, NETHERLANDS
48. N. A'DAM - AMSTERDAM

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1. FLORENCE, OR (R)
2. ESBJERG, DK (R)

CHAINS

4.

REAR DERAILLEURS

3.

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- 2.

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